

ITEM # 46
DATE: 04-26-16

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2015/16 SHARED USE PATH SYSTEM EXPANSION (SOUTH DAKOTA AVENUE)

BACKGROUND:

This program provides for construction of shared use paths on right-of-way adjacent to streets and through greenbelts. The Transportation Plan identifies those paths that separate bicycle traffic from higher-speed automobile traffic. **This specific project is for the construction of a shared use path on the east side of South Dakota Avenue from Mortensen Road north to Steinbeck Street. This project also includes the installation of a mid-block pedestrian refuge island and rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) for the trail crossing on South Dakota Avenue between Todd Drive and Clemens Boulevard.** The mid-block refuge was discussed with and is supported by the Edwards Elementary principal and PTO leadership.

On April 20, 2016 bids for the project were received as follows:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
Engineer's Estimate	\$104,486.00
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$113,037.00
Howrey Construction	\$116,354.00
Manatts, Inc.	\$116,799.00
Caliber Concrete LLC	\$149,926.95

The following table summarizes the 2015/16 Shared Use Path System Expansion program funding sources, funding distribution and expense breakdown for each project location.

Program Funding Summary

2015/16 Shared Use Path System Expansion Program	
Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)	\$ 60,000.00
2015/16 Accessibility Enhancement Program	
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 52,000.00
2011/12 Shared Use Path System Expansion Program	
Project Savings - LOST	\$ 12,000.00
2015/16 Storm Sewer Improvement Program	
Storm Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 6,000.00
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	Total Funding
	\$ 130,000.00

Program Expense Summary

Engineering & Contract Administration (estimated)	\$ 16,955.55
Construction Costs (estimated)	\$ 113,037.00
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	Total Expenses
	\$ 129,992.55

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a. Accept the report of bids for the 2015/16 Shared Use Path System Expansion (South Dakota Avenue).

b. Approve the final plans and specifications for this project.

c. Award the 2015/16 Shared Use Path System Expansion (South Dakota Avenue) to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$113,037.00
2. a. Accept the report of bids for the 2015/16 Shared Use Path System Expansion (South Dakota Avenue).

b. Reject award and direct staff to modify the project for a future letting.
3. Do not proceed with the project at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By awarding this project, it will be possible to move forward and expand the shared use path system and provide an additional recreational facility for the citizens of Ames to use and enjoy. By not awarding this project, this could delay the start of this trail expansion project until at least fall 2016.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.