

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: FY 2015/16 DOWNTOWN STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS
 (CLARK AVENUE)**

BACKGROUND:

The annual Downtown Street Pavement Improvements program rehabilitates or reconstructs streets within the City's downtown area. **The FY 2015/16 program location is Clark Avenue from Main Street to Lincoln Way.** This project will include removal and replacement of the existing pavement, installing storm and sanitary sewer improvements, constructing sidewalk improvements, and designating on-street bicycle facilities. The project will also include a ribbon of colored sidewalk concrete to match the previously reconstructed areas of downtown.

On May 4, 2016, bids for the project were received as follows:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
Engineer's Estimate	\$591,000.00
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$669,611.80

Cost items exceeding the engineer's estimate include mobilization of the contractor's equipment and labor forces, replacement of an in-line water main valve, and pavement markings specified to provide on-street bicycle facilities.

The table reflected below summarizes the FY 2015/16 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements program funding sources, funding distribution and expense breakdown for this project.

<i>Program Funding Summary</i>		Clark Ave
2015/16 Downtown Street Pavement Improvement Program		
	G.O. Bonds	\$ 800,000
	Electric Utility Fund	\$ 50,000
	Total Funding	\$ 850,000
<i>Program Expense Summary</i>		
	Engineering & Contract Administration (estimated)	\$ 100,442
	Construction Costs (estimated)	\$ 669,612
	Total Expenses	\$ 770,054

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a. Accept the report of bids for the 2015/16 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Clark Avenue).

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

c. Award the 2015/16 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Clark Avenue – Lincoln Way to Main Street) to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$669,611.80.
2. a. Accept the report of bids for the 2015/16 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Clark 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:

This project represents the City Council's continuing commitment to reinvest in downtown infrastructure. **Staff worked extensively with Ames Bicycle Coalition and area businesses to develop a design that includes on-street bicycle facilities while balancing the many other varied roadway needs along this street.** By not awarding this project, this could delay the start of this project until at least the fall of 2016.

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