

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: MULTI-MODAL ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM LOCATIONS

BACKGROUND:

On February 14, 2017, City Council approved the 2017-2022 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). This included approving the Multi-Modal Pavement Improvements Program with the amendments requested by the Ames Bicycle Coalition (ABC). These amendments included the following changes to the original program that was presented to City Council during the CIP overview on January 17, 2017:

- Delay the on-street improvements along Clark Avenue/S. Walnut Avenue (ON15: S. 3rd St to 6th St) and Wilder Avenue (ON20: Mortensen Road to Lincoln Way) until FY 2020/21.
- Accelerate the on-street improvements along 16th Street & Meadowlane Avenue (ON24: Ridgewood Ave to E. 13th St) to FY 2018/19.
- Add enhanced intersection crossing improvements to improve crossing visibility at Clark Ave/E 13th St to FY 2017/18.
- Delete on-street improvements along Duff Avenue (Lincoln Way to 6th St) and Beach Avenue (Mortensen Parkway to Lincoln Way) from FY 2017/18.

ABC suggested deleting the on-street improvements along Duff because they felt Duff Avenue south of 13th Street is unsafe for biking without substantial physical reconfiguration of the roadway. They felt the on-street improvements along Beach should be deleted because a shared use path already exists in this corridor. These projects are shown in the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) 2040 Long Range Transportation Program (LRTP), however, considering the input from ABC; they will not be reprogrammed into a future CIP. Input will also be given to AAMPO that these projects can be removed from consideration during the next update to the LRTP, which will get underway in 2018.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a) Remove on-street improvements along Duff Avenue (Lincoln Way to 6th St) and Beach Avenue (Mortensen Parkway to Lincoln Way) from consideration in future Capital Improvements Plans.

b) Recommend to AAMPO that these projects need not to be considered during the 2045 LRTP update.

2. Re-evaluate these projects pending the results of the 2045 LRTP Update.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Input from the Ames Bicycle Coalition has shown that the on-street improvements contemplated along Duff Avenue (Lincoln Way to 6th St) and Beach Avenue (Mortensen Parkway to Lincoln Way) are either not feasible or not necessary (redundant). Considering this user advocacy input, these projects will be removed from consideration in future CIP's. It can then also be recommended that AAMPO need not consider these projects during the 2045 LRTP update, which gets underway in 2018.

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