

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2017/18 SOUTH DUFF AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS (KITTY HAWK DRIVE / STATE FOREST NURSERY TO KEN MARIL ROAD)

BACKGROUND:

This project involves transportation improvements along S. Duff Avenue (US Highway 69) between the Iowa DNR State Forest Nursery and Ken Maril Road. These improvements will address existing safety issues in the corridor as well as meet the requirements associated with the Contract Rezoning Agreement with Bricke Town Development at 3115, 3119, 3301, 3325, 3409, and 3413 South Duff Avenue. As part of the agreement, the developer is responsible for stormwater management for the site (typical of development in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 5B) as well as additional detention and conveyance as recommended in the Teagarden Drainage Improvement Report. The City is responsible for transportation improvements through Ken Maril Road. The Iowa DOT is contributing funds to rehabilitate the existing pavement of US Hwy 69 through the project corridor.

This project will include widening of S. Duff Avenue/US Hwy 69 to three lanes through Ken Maril Road, installation of a traffic signal at Crystal Street, and extension of a shared use path to Ken Maril Road (project OFF 17 in the Long Range Transportation Plan with an estimated cost of \$376,000).

This project is shown in the 2017-2022 Capital Improvements Plan with funding in the amount of \$276,000 from General Obligation bonds, \$300,000 from previously issued General Obligation bonds, and \$1,400,000 from various State Grants / Funds (\$400,000 USTEP, \$500,000 Traffic Safety, \$500,000 3R). It is anticipated that the project will have a City of Ames (local) January 2018 letting, with construction in 2018.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Iowa DOT Cooperative Agreement for \$400,000 in USTEP funding for the 2017/18 South Duff Avenue Improvements (Kitty Hawk Drive / State Forest Nursery to Ken Maril Road).
2. Reject the Agreement.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of this agreement with the Iowa DOT must happen before moving forward with construction of this project in the 2018 construction season. Delay or rejection of this agreement could delay this street reconstruction project by at least one year and could require additional funding.

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