

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2017/18 SHARED USE PATH SYSTEM EXPANSION – MORTENSEN ROAD

BACKGROUND:

This annual program provides for construction of shared use paths on street rights-of-way, adjacent to streets, and through greenbelts. **The location for this project is along Mortensen Road through the Crane Farm Subdivision, east of South Dakota.** This path is identified in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and is also an important component for continuing a Complete Streets approach along this corridor.

Bolton & Menk, Inc., of Ames, Iowa, has completed plans and specifications on this project. The construction for this project has an estimated cost of \$161,447. Engineering and construction administration costs are estimated at \$32,300, bringing the **total estimated cost for the project to \$193,747.**

This Shared Use Path System Expansion project is shown in the 2017/18 Capital Improvements Plan with **funding in the amount of \$285,000** in Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). This funding leaves \$91,253 (47%) for contingency purposes.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the 2017/18 Shared Use Path System Expansion – Mortensen Road project by establishing January 17, 2018, as the date of letting and January 23, 2018, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Normally, this path segment would have been paid by the developer. However, in this case, the developer completed certain roadway segments that normally would have been paid by the City. Therefore, in exchange for the developer’s work, the City is completing this path segment.

By approving these plans and specifications, it will be possible to continue a Complete Streets approach in this corridor and expand our shared use path system. This will also provide better services for residents in the area.

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