

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

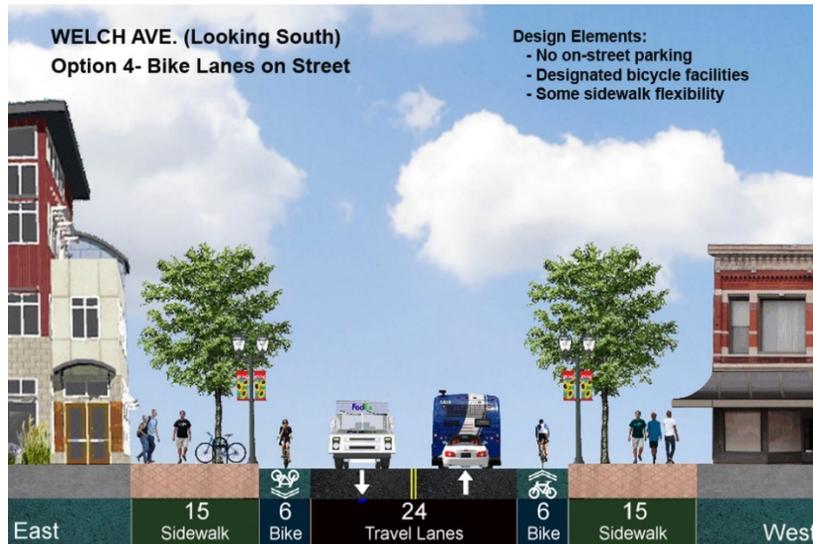
SUBJECT: CAMPUSTOWN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS (WELCH AVENUE)

BACKGROUND:

The 100 block of Welch Avenue, between Lincoln Way and Chamberlain Avenue, is one of the oldest utility corridors in Ames. The street pavement was most recently rehabilitated in the late 1980s/early 1990s and there exists century-old underground utility infrastructure in need of upgrade and replacement (Lincoln Way to Knapp Street). These utility updates include water main, storm sewer, and sanitary sewer.

Reconstruction of this block is included in the FY 2019/20 Capital Improvement Plan. Scheduled improvements to Welch Avenue not only provide the opportunity to update the utilities, but also allow for enhancements to traffic flow and streetscape amenities.

During October 9, 2018 City Council meeting, City Council selected the following cross section for design.



On January 8, 2019, a professional services agreement contract was approved with WHKS of Ames, Iowa in an amount not to exceed \$139,000. WHKS and City staff held multiple project informational meetings with area property owners and businesses. WHKS and City staff also had multiple one-on-one discussions with businesses directly being impacted by the project to gain input on the project timing, staging and design. Comments received were considered with the project design. Outreach will continue throughout the project through the “What the Welch” promotion.

Revenues and expenses associated with this project are estimated as follows:

	Available Revenue	Estimated Expenses
GO Bonds	\$ 1,000,000	
Water Utility Funds	\$ 425,000	
Sewer Utility Funds	\$ 125,000	
Electric Utility Funds	\$ 100,000	
Road Use Tax	\$ 100,000	
IDALS (Grant)	\$ 100,000	
Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (Sewer Utility Funds)	\$ 156,000	
Water System Improvements (Water Utility Funds)	\$ 190,000	
Storm Water Improvements (Storm Sewer Funds)	\$ 70,000	
Campustown Public Improvements (Welch Avenue)		\$ 1,789,035.00
2019 Lincoln Way Water Service Transfer (completed)		\$ 169,969.96
Engineering/Administration (Est.)		\$ 250,000.00
	\$ 2,266,000	\$ 2,209,004.96

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the Campustown Public Improvements project and establish February 12, 2020, as the date of letting and February 25, 2020, as the date for report of bids.
2. Direct staff to revise the project.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving these plans and specifications, it will allow the reconstruction of the 100 block of Welch Avenue including the underground utility updates that are located along Welch Avenue (Lincoln Way to Knapp Street). These updates should result in lower maintenance costs.

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