

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2020/21 RIGHT-OF-WAY RESTORATION (NATIVE VEGATATION)

BACKGROUND:

This program is for restoration of the right-of-way area associated with the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) project 2018/19 Storm Water Facility (Little Bluestem). This location will have Native Vegetation established over an extended period of care.

Disturbed ROW areas are restored using seed or dormant seed. Success using these various types of restoration is volatile and appears to depend on the weather at and following the time of installation. The ROW Restoration program (Native Vegetation) allows us to bring in a contractor who specializes in native vegetation to ensure its establishment process.

Staff has seen success in the program and has utilized observations from previous programs to improve this year's plans and specifications to provide a better overall project for the contractors, field inspection staff and citizens of Ames.

Staff has completed plans and specifications for this contract with **total estimated costs for the ROW Restoration (Native Vegetation) of \$61,725**. Another project ROW Restoration (Standard Vegetation) is being bid separately.

Funding Source	Available Revenue	Estimated Expenses
Road use Tax	\$125,000	
Water Utility Fund	\$75,000	
Sewer Utility Fund	\$75,000	
Storm Sewer Utility Fund	\$50,000	

Separate Contract

2020/21 ROW Restoration (Standard Vegetation) Engineering	\$22,500
2020/21 ROW Restoration (Standard Vegetation) Construction	\$134,992
2020/21 ROW Restoration (Standard Vegetation) Add Alternate Bid	\$15,000

This Contract

2020/21 ROW Restoration (Native Vegetation) Engineering	\$8,300
2020/21 ROW Restoration (Native Vegetation) Construction	\$55,650
	\$325,000
	\$236,442

Remaining funding will be allocated to other project locations as needed to ensure properly restored rights-of-way.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2020/21 Right-of-Way Restoration (Native Vegetation) by establishing August 19, 2020, as the date of letting and August 25, 2020, as the date for report of bids.
2. Direct staff to revise the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Proceeding with this project will make it possible to begin restoration efforts on projects from the current construction as well as on projects planned for the 2021 spring construction season.

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