

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2007/08 SIDEWALK SAFETY PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND:**

This annual program is for the removal and replacement of sidewalk intersection crosswalk panels and handicap ramps at locations that fail to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. This program provides safer pedestrian facilities and limits the City's potential liability for public sidewalks that are in a deteriorated condition.

The 2007/08 program locations are Harding Avenue (10<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street), Maxwell Avenue (George Allen Avenue to 16<sup>th</sup> Street), N. Riverside Drive and N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Melrose Avenue (Hunziker Drive and 20<sup>th</sup> Street).

Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$67,000. Engineering and construction administration costs are estimated at \$10,000. This project is shown in the 2007/08 approved budget with financing in the amount of \$50,000. Unused funds in the amount of \$30,900 from the 2005/06 Sidewalk Safety Program have been carried over to 2007/08 Sidewalk Safety Program to bring the total budget to \$80,900. The remainder of the funds will be utilized for design and contingencies on additional projects.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the 2007/08 Sidewalk Safety Program by establishing October 17, 2007, as the date of letting and October 23, 2007, as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the Project

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By approving the plans and specifications the City of Ames will continue to provide safer pedestrian facilities for the citizens of Ames.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the 2007/08 Sidewalk Safety Program by establishing October 17, 2007, as the date of letting and October 23, 2007, as the date for report of bids.