

ITEM # 20
DATE: 04-22-08

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2008/2009 NEIGHBORHOOD CURB REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

This is the annual program for replacement of deteriorated curb and gutter in selected neighborhood areas. Areas to receive curb and gutter replacement are selected by comparing and prioritizing applications received from neighborhoods to a priority matrix that has been approved by City Council.

Deteriorated concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced along 12th Street from Northwestern Avenue to Grand Avenue and Harding Avenue from 12th Street to 16th Street. The benefits will include improved aesthetics for the neighborhood and reduced infiltration into the subgrade, which will lower future street maintenance costs.

Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$138,200. The project is shown in the 2008/2009 Capital Improvement Plan with financing established in the amount of \$75,000 from the Road Use Tax Fund. Remaining funds from the 2007/08 Neighborhood Curb Replacement Program in the amount of \$12,500 will be applied to this project. This project will also use \$28,500 from the 2008/2009 Intake Rehabilitation Program and \$26,000 from the 2008/09 Sidewalk Safety Program for related items. Remaining funds will be utilized for design, contract administration, and contingencies on this project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2008/2009 Neighborhood Curb Replacement Program by establishing May 21, 2008, as the date of letting and May 27, 2008, 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 strengthen and improve its neighborhoods. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the 2008/2009 Neighborhood Curb Replacement Program by establishing May 21, 2008, as the date of letting and May 27, 2008, as the date for report of bids.