

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: GRAND AVENUE EXTENSION (SOUTH 4TH STREET TO SQUAW CREEK DRIVE)

BACKGROUND:

The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (AAMPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identifies the need to extend Grand Avenue from Lincoln Way to South 16th Street as a strategy to relieve congestion from the Lincoln Way/Duff Avenue area. The first phase of this extension was completed to approximately 350' south of Lincoln Way at the HyVee entrance. This second phase extends Grand Avenue from this point south to Squaw Creek Drive. The third and final phase will complete the extension to South 16th Street.

On August 28, 2007, City Council awarded the construction services contract for the second phase to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$2,729,238.30. In November 2007, the City Manager's office approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$44,667.95. This change order covered items related to modifications of Parking Lots B and C at the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). Change Order No. 2 includes items related to retaining wall construction, storm sewer adjustments, and sub-base repair. This change order is in the amount of \$33,063.36. To date, the costs associated with this project include:

Howard R. Green (Engineering Services – original)	\$ 644,233.00
Howard R. Green (Engineering Services – supplemental)	\$ 16,850.00
Con-Struct, Inc. (Construction Contract)	\$2,729,238.30
Con-Struct, Inc. (Change Order No. 1 and 2)	\$ 77,731.31
Midwest Centers L.P. (Land Acquisition)	\$ 63,200.00
Hy-Vee, Inc. (Land Acquisition)	\$ 100.00
K and J Cooper Properties (Land Acquisition)	\$ 7,758.00
Engineering and Construction Administration (estimate)	<u>\$ 156,000.00</u>
Total	\$3,695,110.61

Additional land acquisition costs are anticipated for one property owner, which includes purchase of the former railroad right-of-way parcel. This acquisition will be brought before City Council for approval in the near future. As part of a separate agreement approved on May 8, 2007, the IDOT donated the State-owned land required as right-of-way adjacent to IDOT properties. This included land along the south side of South 4th Street, along the west side of Grandwood Drive (former railroad right-of-way), and along the east part of the headquarters parcel adjacent to Hy-Vee.

This project is programmed in the City of Ames Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for FY 2007/08 and in the IDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for FY 2006. This project has been identified to receive up to \$4,000,000 in Federal

High Priority Project funds for eligible engineering and construction costs. These funds are subject to the federal obligation limitation, which is currently 85.5%. This would reduce the actual funds that are distributed to \$3,420,000. Additional funds are in the amount of \$1,000,000 from General Obligation Bonds for the local match. City Council approved the federal funding agreement on June 27, 2006.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Change Orders No. 1 and 2 for the Grand Avenue Extension (South 4th Street to Squaw Creek Drive) in the amount not to exceed \$77,731.31.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving Change Orders No. 1 and 2 for the Grand Avenue Extension (South 4th Street to Squaw Creek Drive), work will be able to proceed following the original construction schedule.

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving Change Orders No. 1 and 2 for the Grand Avenue Extension (South 4th Street to Squaw Creek Drive) in the amount not to exceed \$77,731.31.

CAF APPROVAL

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