COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **2008/09 CONCRETE PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

BACKGROUND:

This annual program is to remove and replace concrete street sections that have deteriorated. Removal and replacement of concrete street sections provide enhanced rideability to residents and visitors.

The 2008/09 project locations include Northwestern Avenue (6th Street to Allan Drive), Orchard Drive, South High Avenue (south of Southeast 16th Street), and Allan Drive (Northwestern Avenue to Grand Avenue).

Staff requested engineering proposals for thirteen shared use path, drainage, and street improvement projects. Through this process the City received 120 proposals from thirteen engineering firms. HWS, Inc. is being recommended to complete the design for this project due to their high quality of prior work experience on Ames street projects and strong project understanding and approach, as well as their consistently high rankings on all proposals received from their organization.

In general, services to be performed by the consultant include base survey, evaluation of construction techniques, preparation of plans and specifications to meet local letting standards, conducting a public informational meeting, notification of and coordination with right-of-way users and adjacent land owners, and attendance at the pre-construction meeting.

The planning, engineering, construction, and construction administration budget for this project is programmed in the amount of $1,425,000 from G.O. Bonds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1.   Approve the engineering services contract with HWS, Inc. of Ames, IA, for the 2008/09 Concrete Pavement Improvements in the amount not to exceed $131,900.

2.   Direct staff to pursue other design options.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the engineering services contract with HWS, Inc. of Ames, IA, for the 2008/09 Concrete Pavement Improvements in the amount not to exceed $131,900.