

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2009/10 CYRIDE ROUTE PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS (ASH AVENUE AND KNAPP STREET)**

**BACKGROUND:**

This is the annual program for pavement improvements to streets that are bus routes. These streets were designed and built for light, residential traffic. With these streets designated as bus routes, accelerated deterioration of the street surface has occurred. Pavement improvements will restore street sections that will carry projected traffic volumes.

The 2009/10 project locations are Ash Avenue (Lincoln Way to Knapp Street) and Knapp Street (Lynn Avenue to Ash Avenue). The existing 31-foot concrete roadways were built in 1921/22 with integral curb and gutter. Each roadway has been overlaid numerous times.

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. Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. is being recommended to complete the design for this project due to their prior work experience on Ames street projects as well as their strong project approach. Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. completed the design for the reconstruction of Welch Avenue, and thereby has experience working closely with Iowa State University including the Office of Greek Affairs.

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

This project is included in the 2009/10 Budget with \$800,000 in General Obligation Bond funding.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the engineering services contract with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. of West Des Moines, IA, for the 2009/10 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$49,450.
2. Direct staff to pursue other design options.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Construction on roadways adjacent to the university is generally completed between May and August, due to the significant decrease in traffic and inconveniences that construction may cause to adjacent property owners. For this reason, this project is anticipated to be constructed during the spring/summer of 2010.

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the engineering services contract with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. of West Des Moines, IA, for the 2009/10 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$49,450.