

ITEM # 7  
DATE: 03-10-09

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: BLOOMINGTON ROAD WIDENING (UPRR TRACKS TO EAST OF HYDE AVENUE)**

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the developer's agreement associated with the platting of the Uthe Farm, located north of Bloomington Road and west of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), the developer is responsible for installation of all improvements specified by the agreement. This includes widening a portion of Bloomington Road along the southern edge of the development into a four-lane roadway, thereby also widening the existing at-grade railroad crossing. The City is responsible for widening Bloomington Road east of the railroad crossing to east of Hyde Avenue and for installation of sidewalk along City property on the north side of the project area.

On Wednesday, March 4, 2009, bids for the City's portion of this project were received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Engineer's Estimate	\$294,107.50
Manatt's, Inc.	\$257,675.15

Engineering and construction administration expenses are estimated in the amount of \$42,000. This brings total estimated costs to \$299,675.15. This amount includes installation of conduit and handholes for the Electric Department in the amount of \$6,323.25 from the Electric Utility fund, as designated in the 2009/10 Capital Improvements Plan. This project is shown in the 2006/07 approved budget with financing in the amount of \$75,000 and in the 2007/08 budget in the amount of \$250,000. It also has financing in the amount of \$68,435 from the Bloomington Heights developer.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the Bloomington Road Widening (UPRR Tracks to East of Hyde Avenue).
  - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Bloomington Road Widening (UPRR Tracks to East of Hyde Avenue).
  - c. Award the Bloomington Road Widening contract (UPRR Tracks to East of Hyde Avenue) to Manatt's, Inc. of Ames, IA, in the amount of \$257,675.15.
2. Reject the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Since the Bloomington Road widening by the developer and the installation of the railroad crossing will be completed this construction season, it is important that the City's portion of this widening project also be completed.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the Bloomington Road Widening contract (UPRR Tracks to East of Hyde Avenue) to Manatt's, Inc. of Ames, IA, in the amount of \$257,675.15.