

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: DATA SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF AMES AND IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Office of Location and Environment (OLE) is conducting a Geographic Information System (GIS) data collection effort in the State of Iowa. Information gathered during this process will be incorporated into a master repository for the purposes of environmental corridor studies along I-80 and other interstate roadways. Because the environmental analysis relies on accurate and up-to-date GIS information, the IDOT is seeking to form partnerships with local governments to increase accessibility to GIS data and ensure timely updates.

A GIS Data Repository (GISDR) has been established to allow for secure access and data transfer among partners and enable agencies and local government to share critical GIS data.

The IDOT has drafted a 28E intergovernmental GIS data sharing agreement for the City which specifies the data and restrictions being requested by the IDOT. Entering into the data sharing agreement will allow the City of Ames and IDOT to automate the transfer of data into the GISDR, thereby saving efficiencies for the City and the IDOT.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 28E Intergovernmental Agreement for GIS data sharing between the City of Ames and the IDOT.
2. Do not approve this agreement.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approving the 28E Agreement for GIS data sharing between the City of Ames and the IDOT will allow for seamless and secure transfer of GIS data and will enable the City to participate with ease in future environmental studies along relevant interstate corridors.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the 28E Intergovernmental Agreement for GIS data sharing between the City of Ames and the IDOT.