

ITEM #: 12
DATE: 3/24/09

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2008/09 AIRPORT RUNWAY 13/31 REHABILITATION

BACKGROUND:

The projects included in this program are laid out in the City's Airport Master Plan, which details airport development needs for a ten-year period. The Master Plan Update completed in 2008 identifies projects that qualify for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding. FAA funding provides for 95% of the cost of identified projects. This project is shown in the 2008/09 fiscal year of the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Plan.

HWS Consulting Group has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs totaling \$3,096,726. This project has already received an approved FAA grant for matching funds for 95% of all eligible costs. Based upon the estimated project total, this will provide approximately \$2,941,890 in federal funding. In order to cover the local match requirement of 5%, \$154,836 has been earmarked from the Airport Construction Fund for this project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the rehabilitation of Runway 13/31, and establish April 22, 2009 as the date of letting and April 28, 2009 as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

One of the primary goals of the Ames Municipal Airport is the safety of its users. By approving these plans and specifications, the City Council will ensure the continued high safety standard and quality of the facility currently seen at our airport through leveraging federal funds.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the plans and specifications for the rehabilitation of Runway 13/31, and establishing April 22, 2009 as the date of letting and April 28, 2009 as the date for report of bids.