

ITEM # 12
DATE: 04-14-09

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IOWA DOT) FUNDING FOR 2008/09 TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROGRAM (LINCOLN WAY AND SHELDON AVENUE)

BACKGROUND:

The Traffic Signal Program provides for replacing older traffic signals and for constructing new traffic signals in the City of Ames. This program will result in improved visibility, reliability, and appearance of signals. The location chosen for the 2008/09 program is the intersection of Lincoln Way and Sheldon Avenue.

This project was chosen to receive State Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) funding for eligible constructions costs to a maximum amount of \$50,000. Additional funds are planned in the amount of \$125,000 from the Road Use Tax fund for the remaining project costs. This brings the total estimated project funding to \$175,000.

After acceptance of the DOT agreement, the Traffic Engineer will begin preparation of the design and specifications for this project that will be brought back to the City Council in early summer for approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve an agreement with the Iowa DOT providing up to \$50,000 in State TSIP funds for the 2008/09 Traffic Signal Program (Lincoln Way and Sheldon Avenue).
2. Do not approve the Agreement.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving the Iowa DOT agreement for the 2008/09 Traffic Signal Program, \$50,000 of State funding will be provided for this project.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the agreement with the Iowa DOT providing up to \$50,000 in State TSIP funds for the 2008/09 Traffic Signal Program (Lincoln Way and Sheldon Avenue).