

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: IDOT AGREEMENT FOR RESURFACING OF LINCOLN WAY
(HICKORY DRIVE TO 475 FEET EAST OF MARSHALL AVENUE)
FROM FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND:

This project is for patching and resurfacing of Lincoln Way from Hickory Drive to 475 feet east of Marshall Avenue. On March 3, 2009, the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) approved this project for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which is also known as the Federal Stimulus. The other projects also approved were the George W. Carver Rehabilitation (Stange Road to Bloomington Road) and the Skunk River Shared Use Path (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool).

It is anticipated that this project will be bid in July 2009. Before the project can proceed further, the City must enter into an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

This project will receive 100 percent funding for construction in the amount of \$849,562 from ARRA funding. However, engineering and project administration costs are not covered by this funding. Therefore, staff has identified savings from prior General Obligation bond issues to cover the costs of these unbudgeted activities. Total engineering and administration costs for all three ARRA projects are estimated at \$200,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the IDOT Agreement for ARRA funding for the Lincoln Way resurfacing project (Hickory Drive to 475 east of Marshall Avenue).
2. Reject the Agreement.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of this agreement will allow the City to take advantage of the federal stimulus program and expedite a street improvement that was scheduled for the later years of our Capital Improvements Plan.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the IDOT Agreement for ARRA funding for the Lincoln Way resurfacing project.