

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: IOWA DOT AGREEMENT FOR CURB AND INTAKE REPAIR ON GRAND AVENUE (TWO LOCATIONS)**

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of its jurisdictional responsibilities for federal highways, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) will be resurfacing North Grand Avenue (US Highway 69) from 500 feet north of 24<sup>th</sup> Street to 2,000 feet north of Bloomington Road, and South Duff Avenue from Airport Road north to Southeast 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction is scheduled to take place sometime during this construction season.

As a part of the DOT project, there are several intakes and lengths of curb that are in need of repair. The DOT proposes to have these repairs included under their contract and completed by their contractor. The City of Ames would then reimburse the DOT for the actual costs of the repairs, payable in July 2010.

The total estimated costs of the repairs are \$67,600. Funding is available through the use of unobligated General Obligation Bonds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation whereby the City will provide up to \$67,600 in funding for the repairs to US Highway 69 as part of the DOT's resurfacing project.
2. Do not approve this agreement with DOT.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

These two sections of US Highway 69 through Ames are in urgent need of repair and resurfacing. While the DOT will pay for repair and resurfacing costs along these two sections of roadway, an associated part of the project is for the City to agree to pay for repairs to curbs and storm sewer intakes. Fortunately, unused General Obligation bonds are available to cover these costs.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the necessary agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation.