

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM PROJECT – SKUNK RIVER TRAIL (SOUTH RIVER VALLEY PARK TO CARR POOL)**

**BACKGROUND:**

This project is for the construction of a shared use path from Carr Pool to South River Valley Park at East 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The project will use funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which is also known as the Federal Stimulus. This project is shown in the City's Capital Improvement Plan in the 2010/11 and 2011/12 program years.

Because project funding includes federal funds, the contract was required to be let by the Iowa DOT. On Tuesday, July 21, 2009, bids were received and read by the Iowa DOT as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Manatt's, Inc.	\$175,727.86

This project will receive 100 percent funding in the amount of \$250,000 from Federal Stimulus funding; however, engineering and project administration costs are not covered. 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:**

- 1a. Accept the report of bids, as read, for the Federal Stimulus Program Project – Skunk River Trail (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool).
  - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Federal Stimulus Program Project – Skunk River Trail (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool).
  - c. Award the Federal Stimulus Program Project – Skunk River Trail (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool) to Manatt's, Inc., in the amount of \$175,727.86 contingent upon receipt of Iowa DOT concurrence.
2. Reject the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the contract, contingent upon receipt of Iowa DOT concurrence, construction will begin and be completed this fall.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the Federal Stimulus Program Project – Skunk River Trail (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool) to Manatt’s, Inc. in the amount of \$175,727.86 contingent upon receipt of Iowa DOT concurrence.