

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM PROJECT – GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER AVENUE (STANGE ROAD TO BLOOMINGTON ROAD)

BACKGROUND:

This project is for patching and an unbonded concrete overlay of George Washington Carver Avenue from Stange Road to Bloomington Road. 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 Lincoln Way resurfacing project (Hickory Drive to 475 feet east of Marshall Avenue) and the Skunk River Shared Use Path (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool).

This project will receive 100 percent funding for construction in the amount of \$1,000,000 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 Federal Stimulus Program Project – George Washington Carver Avenue (Stange Road to Bloomington Road) by establishing August 18, 2009, as the date of letting by the Iowa DOT and August 25, 2009, as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Federal Stimulus Program Project – George Washington Carver Avenue (Stange Road to Bloomington Road) by establishing August 18, 2009, as the date of letting by the Iowa DOT and August 25, 2009, as the date for report of bids. Projected start date for this project is summer of 2010.