

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). The other projects also approved include 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). Council awarded these two projects on July 28, 2009.

Because project funding includes federal funds, the contract was required to be let by the Iowa DOT. On Tuesday, August 18, 2009, bids were received and read by the Iowa DOT as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Engineer's Estimate	\$ 850,000.00
Manatt's, Inc.	\$ 717,794.26
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$ 775,490.00
Allied Manatts Group, L.L.C.	\$ 799,096.77
Wicks Construction, Inc.	\$ 801,535.71
Cedar Valley Corporation	\$ 936,034.76
Concrete Technologies, Inc.	\$1,234,133.06

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:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the Federal Stimulus Program Project – George Washington Carver Avenue (Stange Road to Bloomington Road).

- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Federal Stimulus Program Project – George Washington Carver Avenue (Stange Road to Bloomington Road).
 - c. Award the Federal Stimulus Program Project – George Washington Carver Avenue (Stange Road to Bloomington Road) to Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of \$717,794.26, 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 on this project will begin and be completed during the 2010 construction season.

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 – George Washington Carver Avenue (Stange Road to Bloomington Road) to Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of \$717,794.26, contingent upon receipt of Iowa DOT concurrence.

These three ARRA projects have had excellent bids totaling approximately \$600,000 under the estimated construction costs. Staff is currently exploring other projects to utilize this one-time funding, and a recommendation will likely be brought to Council in September.