

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REPAIR OF SQUAW CREEK SHARED USE PATH BRIDGE

BACKGROUND:

On May 26, 2009, it was reported to City Council that the bridge located along the granular shared use path approximately 1,300 feet south of South 4th Street over Squaw Creek had partially collapsed due to ice damage to the piers in the north abutment section. Because it was found to be structurally deficient, this pedestrian and bicycle bridge was closed to traffic due to the unsafe conditions.

As directed by City Council, plans and specifications were completed by WHKS & Company of Ames, Iowa, with estimated construction costs for the repairs being \$69,000. **Financing was identified from the Local Option Sales Tax fund, which has an estimated available fund balance of \$1,692,744.**

On Wednesday, September 2, 2009, bids were received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Engineer's Estimate	\$69,000.00
Peterson Contractors, Inc.	\$69,978.25

With the low bid of \$69,978.25, design fees of \$11,000 and estimated construction administration fees of \$5,000, **total estimated costs for repairing the bridge are \$85,978.25.**

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1 a. Accept the report of bids for the Squaw Creek Shared Use Path Bridge Repair.
- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Squaw Creek Shared Use Path Bridge Repair.
- c. Award the Squaw Creek Shared Use Path Bridge Repair to Peterson Contractors, Inc. of Reinbeck, Iowa, in the amount of \$69,978.25.
2. Reject the bids and direct staff to develop plans and specifications for demolition and removal of the structure.
3. Reject the bids and direct staff to maintain the trail and bridge closure, leaving the structure as it currently exists.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The shared use path is currently blocked on the north edge of this bridge and at South 16th Street on the south. The only alternative for pedestrians and cyclists is to go west to use the trail along the west side of University Boulevard. By accepting the bids and awarding the project, it will be possible for the repairs to be completed and the bridge to be open by late 2009.

Because this section of the path provides a vital, non-motorized link to the southeast portion of our community, 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 Squaw Creek Shared Use Path Bridge Repair to Peterson Contractors, Inc. of Reinbeck, Iowa, in the amount of \$69,978.25. Funding for this alternative will come from the available balance in the Local Option Sales Tax Fund.