

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: IDOT AGREEMENT FOR RESURFACING OF DUFF AVENUE (6TH STREET TO 13TH STREET) FROM FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

This project is for patching and resurfacing of Duff Avenue from 6th Street to 13th Street. On September 22, 2009, the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) is scheduled to approve this project for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), also known as the federal stimulus package. This project was added to take advantage of the remaining **\$628,857 in** ARRA funding shown in the table below.

<u>Project Amount</u>	<u>Construction Estimate</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
G. W. Carver Rehabilitation (Stange Road to Bloomington Road)	\$1,000,000	\$717,794.26
Lincoln Way Rehabilitation (Hickory Dr. to east of Marshall Ave.)	\$849,562	\$577,183.62
Skunk River Trail (S. River Valley Park to Carr Pool)	\$250,000	\$175,727.86
Total	\$2,099,562	\$1,470,705.74

It is anticipated that this project will be bid in January 2009. Before the project can proceed further, the City must enter into an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

This project will receive 100 percent funding for construction in the amount of \$628,857 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 activities. Total engineering and administration costs for all four ARRA projects are estimated at \$200,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Iowa DOT agreement for ARRA funding of the Duff Avenue Resurfacing Project (6th Street to 13th Street).

2. Do not approve the proposed agreement.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Rehabilitation of this roadway segment was planned in the City's Capital Improvements Plan for 2010/11 and 2013/14. Because this is a rehabilitation project, no permitting or easement acquisition was needed, which allowed plans to be prepared quickly. Approval of this agreement will allow the City to take advantage of the federal stimulus program and expedite street improvements that were scheduled for upcoming years.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for ARRA funding of the Duff Avenue Resurfacing Project (6th Street to 13th Street).