

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM PROJECT – DUFF AVENUE
(7TH STREET TO 13TH STREET)**

BACKGROUND:

This project is for an asphalt overlay of Duff Avenue from 7th Street to 13th Street. On September 22, 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 previously approved include the Lincoln Way resurfacing project (Hickory Drive to 475 feet east of Marshall Avenue), the Skunk River Shared Use Path (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool) and the George Washington Carver Avenue rehabilitation (Stange Road to Bloomington Road).

This fourth 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 unbudgeted activities. Total engineering and administration costs for all four ARRA projects are estimated at \$200,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the preliminary plans and specifications for Federal Stimulus Program Project – Duff Avenue (7th Street to 13th Street) as well as establish December 15, 2009, as the date of letting by the Iowa DOT and December 22, 2009, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not authorize this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This segment of arterial is in need of maintenance, and the federal stimulus funding provides an outside funding source to accomplish this work next year.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the preliminary plans and specifications for Federal Stimulus Program Project – Duff Avenue (7th Street to 13th Street) as well as establishing December 15, 2009, as the date of letting by the Iowa DOT and December 22, 2009, as the date for report of bids. The projected start date for this project is summer 2010.