

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: GRAND AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT (SOUTH 4TH STREET TO SQUAW CREEK DRIVE)

BACKGROUND:

The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (AAMPO) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identified the need to extend Grand Avenue from Lincoln Way to South 16th Street as a strategy to relieve congestion from the Lincoln Way/Duff Avenue area. The first phase of this extension was completed to approximately 350 feet south of Lincoln Way at the Hy-Vee entrance. The second phase extends Grand Avenue from this point south to Squaw Creek Drive. The third and final phase will complete the extension to South 16th Street.

On August 28, 2007, City Council awarded the construction services contract for the second phase to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$2,729,238.30. Change Orders 1 and 2 in the amount of \$77,731.31 were approved by City Council on May 13, 2008. Change Orders 3, 4, and 5 in the amount of \$58,898.15 were approved by City Council on October 14, 2008. Change Orders 6, 7, and 8 in the amount of \$50,555.32 were approved by City Council on June 23, 2009. Change Order 9 was administratively approved resulting in a contract reduction of \$7,000 for liquidated damages. This brings the total cost of construction to \$2,909,423.08.

To date, the costs associated with this project include:

Howard R. Green (Engineering Services – original)	\$ 661,083.00
Con-Struct, Inc. (Construction Contract including Change Orders)	\$2,909,423.08
Midwest Centers L.P. (Land Acquisition)	\$ 63,200.00
Hy-Vee, Inc. (Land Acquisition)	\$ 100.00
K and J Cooper Properties (Land Acquisition)	\$ 7,758.00
Tall Timber Investments LLC (Land Acquisition)	\$ 84,950.00
Engineering and Construction Administration (estimate)	<u>\$ 281,382.00</u>
Total	\$4,007,896.08

The Iowa DOT donated the State-owned land required as right-of-way adjacent to Iowa DOT properties. This included land along the south side of South 4th Street, along the

west side of Grandwood Drive (former railroad right-of-way), and along the east part of the headquarters parcel adjacent to Hy-Vee.

This project was programmed in the 2007/08 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and in the Iowa DOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for FY 2006. This project received up to \$4,000,000 in Federal High Priority Project funds for eligible engineering and construction costs. These funds were subject to the federal obligation limitation, which reduced the actual funds available to \$3,420,000. Local funding was in the amount of \$1,000,000 from General Obligation Bonds. City Council approved the federal funding agreement on June 27, 2006. Remaining G.O. Bond funding will be used on additional qualifying projects.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the Grand Avenue Extension Project (South 4th Street to Squaw Creek Drive) as completed by Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$2,909,423.08.
2. Direct Staff to pursue other options

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project has now been completed, and final contract payment should be released to the contractor.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the Grand Avenue Extension Project (South 4th Street to Squaw Creek Drive) as completed by Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$2,909,423.08.