

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2006/07 PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

This program provides a system of interconnected and safe pedestrian facilities. The program encompasses arterial street locations and supports the City-wide transportation goal of enhancing the quality of life in the Ames community with such facilities. This program is a revamp of the Pedestrian Walkway Program that was first introduced in the 2002/03 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Initial work on that program resulted in eliminating the program from the CIP until the program could be better defined through public input. An ad hoc Pedestrian Walkway Advisory Committee was subsequently formed, and recommendations for the program were derived from this committee. **This program prioritizes the sidewalk locations along arterial routes that coincide with the Safe Routes to School plans.** The Safe Routes to school plan was created by City staff in conjunction with Ames Community School District to identify pedestrian routes to the elementary and middle schools.

This project entails placing a four-foot wide sidewalk on the east side of South Dakota Avenue from Lincoln Way south to the 400 block of South Dakota Avenue. All property except one property had sufficient right-of-way to accommodate a sidewalk. An easement has been obtained from the one property that did not have sufficient right-of-way. City staff has also coordinated with CyRide on improvements to a bus stop in the area.

On Wednesday, June 2, 2010, bids were received as follows:

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 94,000.00
MPS Engineers	\$ 66,236.20
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$ 67,137.00
Manatt's, Inc.	\$ 68,350.43
Absolute Concrete	\$ 75,032.53

Engineering and construction administration costs are estimated at \$20,000. This project has funding of \$133,000 from Local Option Sales Tax.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2006/07 Pedestrian Walkway Program.
- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the 2006/07 Pedestrian Walkway Program.

- c. Award the 2006/07 Pedestrian Walkway Program to MPS Engineers of West Des Moines, Iowa, in the amount of \$ 66,236.20.
- 2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving the plans and specifications, it will be possible to complete a valuable pedestrian connection as identified in the Safe Routes to Schools.

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 2006/07 Pedestrian Walkway Program to MPS Engineers of West Des Moines, Iowa, in the amount of \$ 66,236.20