

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2009/10 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY A)

BACKGROUND:

The 2009/10 Capital Improvements Plan includes a project for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway A and various storm sewer replacements at the Ames Municipal Airport. Although the City has continued to perform preventative maintenance throughout the years, the taxiway has deteriorated to the point that full reconstruction is required.

On October 29, 2009, the City received official notice from the FAA to initiate this project. Report of bids was received by the City on May 5, 2010. After receipt of the bids, the City applied for a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant based on the actual project costs as shown in the successful bid.

HWS, the consulting engineers, have completed survey and preliminary design following FAA guidance to create an updated project cost. The revised total estimated cost for the project is \$1,296,379. The FAA portion of this project is \$1,231,560 (95%) and the City's share is \$64,819 (5%), which will be paid from the Airport Construction Fund.

Use of FAA funding requires that each project set its own specific targeted goal for use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). This goal is set as a percentage of the total project cost. Based upon a project of this size, it is recommended that the DBE goal be 5%. However, efforts will be made throughout the process to maximize DBE participation beyond this percentage.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Approve matching funds for the project based on the revised cost estimate of \$1,296,379 (\$1,231,560 FAA share, \$64,819 City share).
- b. Approve the FAA grant offer.
- c. Set the project DBE goal at 5%.
2. Do not proceed with the project at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

One of the primary goals of the Ames Municipal Airport is the safety of its users. By authorizing this project, the City Council will ensure the continued high safety standard currently seen at our airport facility through leveraging federal funds. This could enable the drainage construction to begin in the fall of 2010. Depending on weather and progress of construction, the paving work could occur later in 2010 or in the spring of 2011.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving matching funds for the project based on the revised cost estimate of \$1,296,379 (\$1,231,560 FAA share, \$64,819 City share), approving the FAA grant offer, and setting the project DBE goal at 5%.