

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM – GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER AVENUE (STANGE ROAD TO BLOOMINGTON ROAD)**

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 3, 2009, the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) approved this project for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Work on this project included patching and an unbonded concrete overlay of George Washington Carver Avenue from Stange Road to Bloomington Road. The other ARRA projects included the Lincoln Way resurfacing project (Hickory Drive to 475 feet east of Marshall Avenue) and the Skunk River Shared Use Path (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool). Council awarded these two projects on July 28, 2009. In order to maximize use of ARRA funds, on December 22, 2009, City Council approved an additional project on Duff Avenue (7<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street).

On August 25, 2009, City Council awarded this contract to Manatts, Inc. of Brooklyn, Iowa, in the amount of \$717,794.26. Construction was completed in the amount of \$753,594.51.

This project was approved to receive 100 percent funding up to \$1,000,000 or the actual contract award amount, whichever is less, from Federal Stimulus funding. However, engineering and project administration costs are not covered. Therefore, staff has identified \$200,000 savings from prior General Obligation Bond issues to cover the costs of these unbudgeted activities. Engineering and construction administration expenses for this project are in the amount of \$54,215. The ARRA 2009 regulations require that change orders be funded locally. Therefore, the contract difference of \$35,800.25 between award and construction completion will be covered by unused General Obligation Bonds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept the Federal Stimulus Program Project – George Washington Carver Avenue (Stange Road to Bloomington Road) as completed by Manatts, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$753,594.51.
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. Funding for the \$35,800.25 overage is available from unused General Obligation Bonds.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the Federal Stimulus Program Project – George Washington Carver Avenue (Stange Road to Bloomington Road) as completed by Manatts, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$753,594.51.