

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT:** 2010/11 CYRIDE ROUTE PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
(ONTARIO STREET FROM KENTUCKY AVENUE TO IDAHO AVENUE)

**BACKGROUND:**

This annual program is for pavement improvements to streets that are or were CyRide bus routes. These streets were designed and built for light residential traffic. With these streets designated as bus routes, accelerated deterioration of the street surface has occurred. Pavement improvements will restore street sections to carry the projected traffic volumes and weights.

The 2010/11 program location is Ontario Street from Kentucky Avenue to Idaho Avenue. This project includes removal and replacement of the existing pavement with a new three-lane configuration including a dedicated center turn lane, storm sewer rehabilitation, and extending the existing shared use path from Idaho Avenue to Kentucky Avenue.

City staff held a public meeting to discuss the staging of the construction. The project has been staged to maintain access to all properties during construction and to have the sidewalk replacement on the north side of Ontario Street completed prior to Ames Schools returning to classes. The staging is also designed to maintain traffic through the construction zone at all times, which includes one lane in each direction. The contract specifies that the street is to be fully open to traffic by November 4, 2011.

The project also includes right-of-way acquisition at 4914 Ontario Street. The right-of-way negotiation and acquisition process is being administered by Snyder & Associates of Ankeny, Iowa. The Iowa DOT Federal Aid Right of Way Acquisition process was followed, even though the project is not federally funded, to ensure a fair and accurate process for both the property owner and the City. The acquisition documents and final acquisition cost will be made available to Council at the recommendation of award. The estimated acquisition costs are within the current project budget as shown below.

Plans and specifications for this project were completed by Snyder & Associates with estimated construction costs of \$691,017.50. Engineering, construction administration and Right of Way acquisition costs are estimated at \$161,950.00 for a total estimated cost of \$852,967.05. This project is shown in the 2010/2011 approved budget with financing in the amount of \$900,000 General Obligation Bonds and \$73,375 in Local Option Sales Tax for the Shared Use Path Expansion, for total project funding of \$973,375.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the 2010/11 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements Project (Ontario Street from Kentucky Avenue to Idaho Avenue) by establishing May 4, 2011, as the date of letting and May 10, 2011 as the date for report of bids.
2. Direct staff to revise the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By approving plans and specifications and setting the letting date, it will be possible to move forward with the reconstruction of Ontario Street during the 2011 construction season. Delay of approval could delay the reconstruction by at least one year.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the 2010/11 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements Project (Ontario Street from Kentucky Avenue to Idaho Avenue) by establishing May 4, 2011, as the date of letting and May 10, 2011 as the date for report of bids.