

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2011/12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC FACILITIES NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (NORTH HAZEL AVENUE / NORTH 3RD STREET)

BACKGROUND:

This program is part of the City's 2011/12 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan project to replace the deteriorated pavement on North Hazel Avenue. North Hazel is in a targeted census tract where at least 51 percent of the residents have income at or below 80 percent of the Story County median income limits.

The Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (curb, streets, sidewalks, etc.) is in targeted low- and moderate-income census tracts. The objective will be to replace and/or repair curbs, driveway approaches, sidewalks, and/or street resurfacing areas that have deteriorated and are causing premature pavement failure. The overall goal of the program is to preserve and enhance the viability and aesthetics of our core existing neighborhoods.

Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$279,913.20. The project will be financed with \$300,000 in CDBG funds. Engineering and construction administration, estimated at \$42,000, will be covered by remaining G.O. Bond funds from the South Duff Area Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2011/12 Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (North Hazel Avenue) by establishing June 8, 2011, as the date of letting and June 14, 2011, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not proceed with this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving the plans and specifications for this project, the City of Ames will continue to strengthen and improve its core existing neighborhoods.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the 2011/12 Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (North Hazel Avenue) by establishing June 8, 2011, as the date of letting and June 14, 2011, as the date for report of bids.