

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2010/11 CYRIDE ROUTE PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS  
(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 originally designed and built for light, residential traffic. With these streets designated as bus routes, accelerated deterioration of the street surface has occurred. These pavement improvements will restore street sections to carry the projected traffic weights and volumes.

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 conducted a public meeting, to discuss staging of the construction with impacted residents. The project will be 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 must 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 was administered by Snyder & Associates of Ankeny, Iowa. The Iowa Department of Transportation 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 appraisal states that the land being acquired as right-of-way has no value of itself. However, payment to the affected property owner for other impacts on the Nancy (Siri) Larson property have been negotiated in the amount of \$22,000 for access, landscaping, and tree removal necessary to add curb/gutter and a shared use path along the south portion of the roadway. An estimated 39 trees will be removed as part of the project. However, due to potential tree damage as a result of construction within the root zone of the remaining 29 trees, Ms. Larson is being compensated for the replacement of these trees as well. As part of the acquisition documents, Ms. Larson will be responsible for removal of any of those 29 trees that do not survive due to construction impacts. Staff has administratively approved this project related cost, which is in line with Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

On May 4, 2011, bids were received as follows:

Engineer's Estimate	\$691,017.50
Manatt's, Inc.	\$690,588.76
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$733,930.00
Wicks Construction, Inc.	\$938,896.21

Engineering, construction administration, and Right-of-Way acquisition costs are estimated at \$162,950, for a total estimated cost of \$853,538.76. This project is shown in the 2010/11 approved budget with financing in the amount of \$900,000 in General Obligation Bonds, as well as \$73,375 in Local Option Sales Tax for the Shared Use Path Expansion. This brings total project funding to \$973,375.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1a. Approve the property acquisition of the Nancy (Siri) Larson for the 2010/11 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements with no compensation for the right-of-way value upon receipt of the partial mortgage release from the property owner's mortgage company.
  - b. Accept the report of bids for the 2010/11 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements (Ontario Street).
  - c. Approve the final plans and specifications for the report of bids for the 2010/11 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements (Ontario Street).
  - d. Award the 2010/11 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements (Ontario Street) to Manatt's, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$690,538.76.
2. Reject the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project will restore the far western stretch of Ontario Avenue, will provide for extension of the shared use path through difficult terrain on the south side of the street, and will create a more usable 3-lane street in the area. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving property acquisition, accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the 2010/11 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements (Ontario Street) to Manatt's, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$690,538.76.