

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: GRAND AVENUE EXTENSION (S. 16TH STREET NORTH 400 FT)

BACKGROUND:

The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan identifies the need to extend Grand Avenue from Lincoln Way to South 16th Street. The first two phases of this extension were previously completed south to Squaw Creek Drive. This next phase involves construction of South Grand Avenue north of South 16th Street to provide access to The Grove apartments and to Coldwater Golf Links. On May 10, 2011, the City Council approved an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) to utilize federal funds for the construction of this phase.

H R Green has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$457,344.50. Engineering and construction administration costs are estimated in an amount of \$96,600, bringing total estimated costs to \$553,945. Due to the availability of federal funds, 80 percent of the construction costs will come from the unused federally earmarked funds with the remaining 20 percent from unobligated General Obligation Bonds.

Because project funding includes federal funds, the contract must follow Iowa DOT schedules and will be let by the Iowa DOT on July 19, 2011. This schedule will require a contractor to begin construction in August 2011 with final completion in mid-November 2011.

Randall Corporation has signed a donation form that includes right-of-way acquisition near the southwest corner of the property for the construction of the radii at the intersection of South Grand Avenue and South 16th Street, as well as a temporary construction easement along the west side of the property and near the north portion of the project to construct the new entrance to the Coldwater Golf Links.

Campus Crest at Ames, LLC has signed a donation form that includes right-of-way acquisition near the southeast corner of the property to allow for the construction of the radii at the intersection of South Grand Avenue and South 16th Street, as well as a temporary construction easement along the east side of the property. A release form from the mortgage company is anticipated to be received in the near future.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Approve the Grand Avenue Extension (S. 16th Street north 400 ft.) by establishing July 19, 2011, as the date of letting by the Iowa DOT and July 26, 2011, as the date for report of bids.

- b. Accept the right of way acquisition by donations from Randall Corporation and Campus Crest at Ames, LLC for the construction of the Grand Avenue Extension (S. 16th Street north 400 ft.).

2. Direct Staff to pursue other options.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

City Council has made it a priority to extend Grand Avenue, and site plan approval has been given to a large new apartment complex that will be served by this extension. This approval will lead to a project letting in July and anticipated completion of construction by November 15, 2011.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Grand Avenue Extension (S. 16th Street north 400 ft) by establishing July 19, 2011 as the date of letting by the Iowa DOT and July 26, 2011, as the date for report of bids and accepting the right-of-way acquisition by donations from Randall Corporation and Campus Crest at Ames, LLC for the construction of the Grand Avenue Extension (S. 16th Street north 400 ft.).