

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AMES SOUTHEAST ENTRYWAY PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

This project is a continued partnership between the City of Ames and the South Ames Business Neighborhood (SABN) to complete the following improvement features to the Southeast Entryway: Installation of light columns, and planting of trees and native plants and flowers. A portion of the Southeast Entryway has already been improved with grading and plantings at the intersection of Dayton Avenue and SE 16th Street, extending up to the Dayton Avenue overpass over US Highway 30.

On December 16, 2008, Council approved an IDOT funding agreement for the project. On December 16, 2010, a public meeting was held to provide project specific information and to receive feedback regarding the proposed project concepts. There was a generally positive response to the project, although there was a concern with the project not having a presence at the Dayton Avenue and SE 16th Street intersection. The design team then modified the project to include two pedestrian scale sculptural light columns near the intersection based on that feedback.

As a result of the December meeting, the IDOT and Federal Highway Administration suggested delaying the project during their evaluation of a potential reconfiguration of the US 30/I-35 interchange. It should be noted that the proposed sculpture locations are not located in the IDOT Right of Way. To date, the IDOT has not yet determined the exact impacts on the area, since the final concept for the potential reconfiguration of the US 30/I-35 interchange is unsure. Given the City's inclination to move forward on this project, the IDOT requested that the City attempt to keep the sculptures away from the Right of Way to avoid the need to relocate the sculptures in the event that any reconfiguration of the interchange requires such relocation. The sculptures will be constructed such that their relocation, if necessary, can be done without damage. It is anticipated that the IDOT would treat any relocation as private property.

During the project development phase of this project, the IDOT approved RDG Dahlquist Art Studio as the sole source provider for fabrication and installation of the lighted sculptural columns. RDG Dahlquist Art Studio has been involved with initial concepts, public input and cost estimating for the project as a sub-consultant on the Engineering Services Contract for the design of the project. Staff will be giving a presentation on the SE Entryway project with the consultants that will give more detail on the project.

This project is estimated to be bid in January of 2012 through the IDOT with construction to be completed in the summer of 2012.

In the 2007/12 Capital Improvements Plan, Council approved the use of City funds in the amount of \$187,000 (\$148,000 from property owner assessments and \$39,000 from Local Option Sales Tax funds), private funding in the amount of \$106,000 (\$46,000 from the previous project and a new pledge of \$60,000), and an anticipated \$30,000 from an Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) planting grant. These sources more than cover the 20 percent local match needed for the \$683,000 state-wide Transportation Enhancement grant previously awarded to the City. The total available revenue for the project is \$1,006,000, and it is anticipated that the sculptural columns will cost approximately 60 percent of that amount. The estimated costs for the project are \$974,420 as reflected on Attachment III. Should the final pledge not be received prior to the finalization of the agreement which is being negotiated, it might be necessary to adjust the project to come within budget.

During the July 12 Council meeting, the Design Team will share a Power Point presentation giving further details on the project design and budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

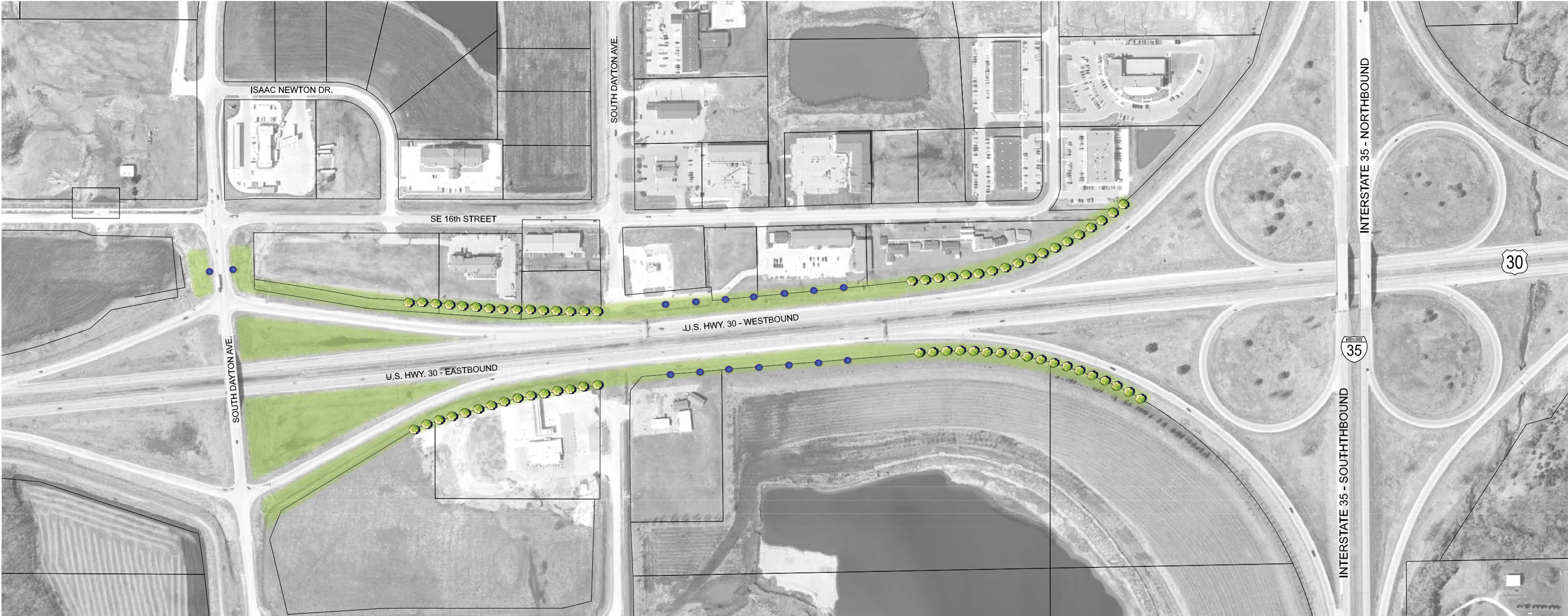
1. Authorize staff to negotiate a sole source contract with RDG Dahlquist Art Studio for fabrication and installation of lighted sculptures for the Ames Southeast Entryway Project.
2. Direct staff to pursue other options.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Lighted sculptural columns are a key component of the Southeast Entryway Project. By authorizing staff to negotiate this agreement, the entryway project can move forward to meet the January 2012 DOT letting date with completion of the project during the 2012 construction season. After the agreement with RDG Dahlquist Art Studio is completed, it will be brought back to Council for final consideration and approval.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby authorizing staff to negotiate a sole source contract with RDG Dahlquist Art Studio for fabrication and installation of the lighted sculptures for the Ames Southeast Entryway Project.

ATTACHMENT I



AMES SOUTHEAST ENTRYWAY
CONCEPT PLAN

ATTACHMENT II



ATTACHMENT III

SOUTHEAST ENTRYWAY PROJECT AMES, IOWA

July 12, 2011



Engineer's Order of Magnitude for Probable Construction Cost

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT \$	TOTAL
<u>DEMOLITION</u>				
Tree Transplant	1	LS	\$3,000	\$3,000
Fence	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
			TOTAL	\$8,000
<u>UTILITIES</u>				
Electrical service and line to footings	1	LS	\$36,000	\$36,000
			TOTAL	\$36,000
<u>LANDSCAPING</u>				
Overstory Tree	66	EA	\$300	\$19,800
Prairie	5	AC	\$3,500	\$17,500
Chain Link Fence (6' ht.)	1800	LF	\$16	\$28,800
			TOTAL	\$66,100
<u>FOOTING</u>				
PCC footing for sculptural tower	14	EA	\$6,000	\$84,000
Footing for intersection light candles	2	EA	\$3,000	\$6,000
			TOTAL	\$90,000
<u>RDG Dahlquist Art Studio - SCULPTURAL ART FEATURES</u>				
Sculptural Towers	12	EA	\$41,000	\$492,000
- Fully illuminated				
- Installed on foundation/base provided above				
- All power brought to each light tower location				
Lighting Controller	1	LS	\$10,200	\$10,200
Data Cabling	12	EA	\$2,135	\$25,620
Light Candles at Intersection	2	EA	\$13,500	\$27,000
			TOTAL	\$554,820
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>				
Construction Staking	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
Mobilization	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
			TOTAL	\$25,000
			SUB TOTAL	\$779,920
			PROJECT CONTINGENCIES	\$22,500
			DESIGN SERVICES	\$132,000
			CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION	\$40,000
			PROJECT TOTAL	\$974,420

Add Alternate Options:

Additional Sculptural Towers
Maintenance for Trees

NOTE: EXCLUDED FROM THIS ESTIMATE ARE THE FOLLOWING

1. Regulatory agency permits / fees
2. Easement acquisition
3. Electric meter