

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2011/12 COLLECTOR STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS – RIDGEWOOD AVENUE (13TH STREET TO 16TH STREET)

BACKGROUND:

This annual program is for reconstruction or rehabilitation of collector streets. Locations are chosen in accordance with the most current street condition inventory. The 2011/12 program locations were Ash Avenue (Mortensen Parkway to Knapp Street), Ridgewood Avenue (13th Street to 16th Street), and Hayes Avenue (20th Street to 24th Street).

This project is for Ridgewood Avenue from 13th Street to 16th Street. Staff held a public meeting for the project and met with Ames Community School District staff to obtain input regarding the project timing and staging. The official signed detour for the project for south bound traffic will be from Ridgewood east to Northwestern on 16th Street, from 16th Street south to 13th Street on Northwestern. The northbound will north on Northwestern to 16th Street then west on 16th Street to Ridgewood.

This project is being bid with a base bid plus an alternate for an asphalt pavement section or a concrete pavement section. The project will be awarded based on the lowest cost of the base bid plus one of the pavement alternates.

City Council has previously referred to staff a traffic calming analysis for this neighborhood. The Traffic Engineer is completing a staff report to be brought to Council in the near future for all three locations referred for analysis. Initial indications are that this neighborhood may benefit from traffic calming measures that would be installed separately from this roadway project.

Funding for this project and program was identified in the 2011/12 CIP in the amount of \$1,898,500 from General Obligation Bonds, \$1,060,000 from MPO/STP funds, and \$80,000 in Sanitary Sewer funds, for total program funding of \$3,038,500. All funding for the Hayes Avenue segment was from General Obligation Bonds; no STP/MPO funds were used on that portion of the program. The estimated funding breakdown between the different locations is shown below:

Street	Projected Costs	Revenue by Source			
		G.O. Bonds	Sanitary Sewer	MPO-STP	Total
Hayes Avenue (Actual)	\$491,015	\$491,015	0	0	\$491,015
Ridgewood Avenue (This Project)	\$641,532.50	\$707,485		0	\$707,485
Ash Avenue (Under Contract)	\$1,161,811	\$200,000	\$80,000	\$1,060,000	\$1,340,000
Engineering/Admin	\$450,000	\$500,000			\$500,000
Total	\$2,744,358.50	\$1,898,500	\$80,000	\$1,060,000	\$3,038,500

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2011/12 Collector Street Pavement Improvements - Ridgewood Avenue (13th Street to 16th Street), by establishing July 18, 2012, as the date of letting and July 24, 2012, as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject 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 rehabilitation of Ridgewood Avenue during the 2012/13 construction season. Delay of approval could delay the reconstruction for another year.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving plans and specifications for the 2011/12 Collector Street Pavement Improvements -), Ridgewood Avenue (13th Street to 16th Street), by establishing July 18, 2012, as the date of letting and July 24, 2012, as the date for report of bids.