

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AMES INTERMODAL FACILITY CHANGE ORDER TO ADD BIKE PATH THROUGH ISU ARBORETUM**

**BACKGROUND:**

One desired element of the Ames Intermodal Facility project is an extension of the bike path currently constructed on the site west through Iowa State University's Arboretum to connect with the existing bike path on State Avenue. A map of the alignment for this bike path extension is attached.

The bike path extension was originally included in the bid package as a \$285,000 bid alternate, but was not accepted upon execution of the contract due to budget concerns at that time. Staff has now determined that grant funding is available to complete the bike path, and has prepared Change Order #44 to accomplish this. The change order cost is \$304,906, which is a 7.9% increase over the original bid alternate price. This estimate has been determined by the architect to be an appropriate cost.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has indicated that the bike path extension is an addition to the project they would like to see included. Additionally, they have indicated a desire to have the TIGER grant completed, with 100% of its funds expended, by this fall if possible. Therefore, an expeditious decision and possible construction is required.

The City Council has approved Change Orders #1-42 for the Intermodal Facility totaling \$248,162. The following is a consolidated summary of the remaining funds and expenses:

<b><u>Funds and Expenses Overview</u></b>	<b><u>Dollars</u></b>
Remaining Construction Contingency	\$328,666
Estimated State Sales Tax Refund for the project	<u>\$225,000</u>
<i>Total Remaining Funds for the project</i>	<i>\$553,666</i>
Pending Change Order #43-Bank stabilization	\$10,961
Bike Path Change Order #44 Request	\$304,906
Other pending Change Orders Estimated	<u>\$69,711</u>
<i>Total Pending Change Orders</i>	<i>\$385,578</i>
<i>Unused Funds after Change Orders</i>	<i>\$168,088</i>

The Transit Board of Trustees will consider Change Order #44 for the bike path extension at their June 25 meeting. Their decision and recommendation for action will be shared with the City Council at the Council meeting on June 26.

If Change Order #44 is approved, the total Ames Intermodal Facility construction contract with Weitz Company will increase from \$7,363,162 to \$7,679,029.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve proceeding with Change Order #44 for the addition of the bike path extension through ISU's Arboretum at a cost of \$304,906.
2. Do not add the bike path to the Ames Intermodal Facility project and return unused federal dollars.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This extension of the bike path will provide a community-desired connection with the Intermodal Facility and will enhance the City's bike path system. Adequate grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration is available to add the bike path extension to the project.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving proceeding with Change Order #44 for the addition of the bike path extension through ISU's Arboretum at an estimated total cost of \$304,906.

