

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2009/10 ARTERIAL STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS (13TH STREET FROM THE RAILROAD UNDERPASS TO STANGE ROAD)

BACKGROUND:

The annual Arterial Street Pavement Improvements program utilizes current repair techniques to improve arterial streets with asphalt or concrete. These pavement improvements are needed to restore structural integrity, serviceability, and rideability. Targeted streets are reaching a point of accelerated deterioration. By improving these streets prior to excessive problems, the service life will be extended.

The 2009/10 program location was 13th Street from the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) underpass east to Stange Road. This project included complete reconstruction of the roadway with concrete.

On November 24, 2009, City Council awarded this contract to Wicks Construction, Inc., of Decorah, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,016,590.76. Construction was completed in the amount of \$1,031,166.98. This amount includes \$20,750.00 in liquidated damages for late completion. Engineering and construction administration expenses were \$221,969, bringing the total project cost to \$1,253,135.98.

This project was funded in the 2009/10 Capital Improvements Plan with \$468,000 of General Obligation Bonds and \$1,032,000 of Metropolitan Planning Organization Surface Transportation Program funds, bringing total project funding to \$1,500,000.

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE:

During construction, work delays occurred due to poor performance of the prime contractor and its sub-contractors. These delays negatively affected the City and the citizens of Ames as 13th Street was closed to traffic much longer than was anticipated. Lack of diligent and continual progress on the project resulted in additional staff time and resources, as well as delaying the street reopening to the public.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the 2009/10 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements (13th Street from the UPRR underpass to Stange Road) as completed by Wicks Construction, Inc., of Decorah, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,031,166.98.
2. Direct Staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project has now been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and has passed an Iowa Department of Transportation audit.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the 2009/10 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements (13th Street from the UPRR underpass to Stange Road) as completed by Wicks Construction, Inc., of Decorah, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,031,166.98.