

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH STORY COUNTY FOR 2012/12 ARTERIAL STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS (STATE AVENUE)

BACKGROUND:

This annual program utilizes current repair and reconstruction 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 FY 2012/13 street project is the reconstruction of State Avenue from Oakwood Road to the U.S. Highway 30 overpass. This project is included in the Capital Improvements Plan with funding in the amount of \$1,062,000 from Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), \$219,000 from General Obligation Bonds, and \$219,000 from Story County. **To summarize, 80 percent of project expenses up to \$1,062,000 are eligible for the STP funds with the remaining funding (at least 20 percent) split between the City of Ames and Story County.**

The contract is designed so that the City will upfront the financing of the project. Within 90 days after the completion of the road improvement, the County will reimburse the City for one half of the costs that remain after the MPO monies are applied to the project.

The Story County Board of Supervisors approved the 28E Agreement through Resolution #13-01 at their July 3, 2012 meeting. Design for the project will commence this year with a targeted bid letting to occur in spring 2013.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 28E Agreement for the 2012/13 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements (State Avenue from Oakwood Road to U.S. Highway 30)).
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This agreement confirms a high degree of cooperation between the City and Story County for reconstruction of this street. By approving the agreement, construction can be carried out during the 2013 construction season. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.