

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**Subject:**     **SHARED USE PATH SYSTEM EXPANSION (SKUNK RIVER TRAIL – HUNZIKER YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX TO SOUTHEAST 16<sup>th</sup> STREET)**

**BACKGROUND:**

This project is for construction of a shared use path from the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex north to Southeast 16<sup>th</sup> Street. This project is shown in the Capital Improvements Plan in the 2011/12 program year.

This project is funded in an amount of \$86,000 from the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Surface Transportation Program (STP) and \$350,000 from Local Option Sales Tax funds. Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC has completed plans and specifications with a construction estimate of \$292,990. This project will be let through the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) due to the use of MPO/STP funding.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1.     Approve the Shared Use Path System Expansion – Skunk River Trail (Hunziker Youth Sports Complex to Southeast 16th Street) by establishing September 18, 2012, as the date of letting by the Iowa DOT and September 25, 2012, as the date for report of bids.
2.     Reject the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This segment of the Skunk River Trail will serve as a vital connection between the existing trail network along Southeast 16<sup>th</sup> Street and the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex, thereby creating a much needed non-motorized access to that facility. This project also serves as the southern connection of the proposed Skunk River Trail expansion along the Skunk River north to South River Valley Park scheduled to begin in FY 2016/17.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Shared Use Path System Expansion – Skunk River Trail (Hunziker Youth Sports Complex to Southeast 16th Street) by establishing September 18, 2012, as the date of letting by the Iowa DOT and September 25, 2012, as the date for report of bids.