

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2008/09 ARTERIAL STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
(NORTH DAKOTA AVENUE – 600’ SOUTH OF DELAWARE AVENUE  
TO ONTARIO STREET)**

**BACKGROUND:**

The annual Arterial Street Rehabilitation program utilizes current repair techniques to rehabilitate arterial streets with asphalt or concrete. This rehabilitation of arterial streets is needed to restore structural integrity, serviceability, and rideability. Targeted streets are reaching a point of accelerated deterioration.

The program location was identified as North Dakota Avenue from 600 feet south of Delaware Avenue to Ontario Street. The project included reconstruction of the portion of pavement south of Delaware Avenue and placing a concrete overlay from that point north to Ontario Street. This project also included reconstruction of the retaining wall adjacent to the cemetery and reconstruction of the shared use path.

City Council awarded this contract to Wicks Construction, Inc., of Decorah, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,355,004.18. Construction was completed in the amount of \$1,388,556.39. This amount includes \$27,000 in liquidated damages for late completion. Engineering and construction administration expenses were \$278,870.41, bringing the **total project cost to \$1,667,426.80.**

This program is shown in the Capital Improvement Plan with \$467,573 from General Obligation Bonds and \$782,000 in Metropolitan Planning Organization Surface Transportation Program funds. This project will also used Pedestrian Walkway Program funding in the amount of \$313,000 from Local Option Sales Tax; \$50,000 from Local Option Sales Tax as part of Shared Use Path Pavement Improvements; \$20,000 from Water System Improvements; \$14,483 from Electric Utility Funds, and \$52,000 in Road Use Tax from the Retaining Wall Reconstruction Program. This brings **total revenue available for this project to \$1,699,056.**

**CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE:**

During construction, delays in the work were experienced due to poor performance of the prime contractor. These delays negatively affected the City and the citizens of Ames as North Dakota Avenue was closed to traffic much longer than anticipated. The 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. This resulted in levying the liquidated damages noted above.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept 2008/09 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements Project (North Dakota Avenue – 600' South of Delaware Avenue to Ontario Street) as completed by Wicks Construction, Inc., of Decorah, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,388,556.39.
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 2008/09 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements Project (North Dakota Avenue – 600' South of Delaware Avenue to Ontario Street) as completed by Wicks Construction, Inc., of Decorah, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,388,556.39.