

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CYRIDE INTERMODAL FACILITY CHANGE ORDER #69

BACKGROUND: In accordance with City of Ames purchasing policies, staff must seek City Council approval for, “change orders increasing or decreasing the contract in an amount in excess of the lesser of \$50,000 or 20% of the original contract amount....” To date, add and deduct change orders on the Ames Intermodal Facility construction project total \$638,008 (including the addition of the Arboretum trail at \$304,906). With numerous change orders required to modify the Intermodal Facility project, the attached history details these contract changes.

The Weitz Company is requesting a \$67,515 **deduct** change order, #69, to eliminate a retaining wall on the bike path extension through the Iowa State University Arboretum. Originally the grade on the path near State Street was believed to be steep enough to require a retaining wall; however, when the grading was completed, the architects and engineers re-evaluated this wall and determined that it was not necessary. City Council action on this Change Order is requested at this time. If approved, this change order would bring the total contract amount with Weitz Company to \$7,705,940.61. This will leave approximately \$200,000 remaining after the sales tax refund is received. The Transit Board is currently considering how to spend the remaining dollars prior to September 2013 when the grant will need to be closed out.

The Transit Board of Trustees reviewed and approved this change order at a special meeting held on December 3, 2012.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Change Order #69 to Weitz Company for a deduct amount of \$67,515 for elimination of a retaining wall on the bike path extension.
2. Do not approve Change Order #69 for the elimination of a retaining wall on the bike path extension.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The deletion of the retaining wall will not hinder the use of the bike path and will realize significant savings to the project budget. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Ames Intermodal Facility Change Order #69 with Weitz Company in the deduct amount of \$67,515 for the elimination of the bike trail retaining wall.

Ames Intermodal Facility Change Order History

- **Change Orders #1- #9** – Approved by city staff administratively during the fall of 2011 totaling \$30,794.
- **Change Order #10** – Approved by the City Council on July 26, 2011 for \$42,289, change order was later reduced to \$41,385.
- **Change Order #11** – Approved by city staff administratively in October 2011 totaling \$7,467.
- **Change Order #12** – Approved by City Council on November 1, 2011 in the amount of \$52,103.
- **Change Orders 13, #14 and #16** – Approved by city staff administratively in January- February 2012 for a deduct amount totaling -\$15,708.
- **Change Order #15** – Approved by the City Council on February 28, 2012 in the deduct amount of -\$9,200.
- **Change Orders #17- #24** – Approved administratively by city staff in March 2012 in the amount of \$40,015.
- **Change Order #25** – Approved by City Council on March 27, 2012 in the amount of \$2,500.
- **Change Orders #26 - #36** – Approved by city staff administratively in March/April 2012 totaling \$23,420.
- **Change Order #37** – Approved by City Council on May 22, 2012 in the amount of \$53,000.
- **Change Orders #38 - #42** - Approved by city staff administratively in late May and June 2012 totaling \$28,982.
- **Change Order #44** - Approved by City Council on June 26, 2012 in the amount of \$304,906.
- **Change Orders #43 and #45 – #54** - Approved administratively by city staff in August 2012 in the amount of \$49,123.
- **Change Order #55** – Approved by City Council on August 28, 2012 in the amount of \$1,899.92.
- **Change Orders #56 - #65** – Approved by city staff administratively from August 30 – October 18, 2012 in the amount of \$24,839.
- **Change Order #66** – Approved by City Council on November 13, 2012 in the amount of \$33,408.67.
- **Change Orders # 67 and #68** – Approved by city staff administratively on November 14, 2012 in an amount of \$23,478.