

### **COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** 2012/2013 WEST LINCOLN WAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS  
(LINCOLN WAY & DOTSON DRIVE)

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This project is for constructing turn lanes and installing traffic signals at the Dotson Drive/Lincoln Way intersections. A traffic impact report for South Fork Subdivision justified these improvements. Increased traffic flow from South Fork Subdivision necessitates left-turn lanes at the Lincoln Way approaches to the Dotson Drive intersection to accommodate heavy turning movements. The increased traffic will also warrant the installation of new traffic signals at the Dotson Drive/Lincoln Way intersection. Turn lanes on Lincoln Way will mitigate left-turning, rear-end, and right-angle traffic accidents at this intersection. An existing agreement requires the developer and the City to share equally in the construction cost of these improvements.

Bolton & Menk, the consulting engineers, have completed plans and specifications for the 2012/2013 program with estimated construction costs of \$750,000. This project received \$500,000 from an Iowa Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Improvement Program grant. The Developer's Agreement states that the developer is responsible for 50% of the actual construction costs, and the City would pay the other 50% plus any engineering/inspection fees. This leaves an estimated \$125,000 in construction costs contribution required of the developer, Mr. Arneson. Council approved funding agreement with Mr. Arneson at the December 18, 2012, meeting.

Therefore, the estimated construction cost to be funded by the City is also \$125,000. Engineering and construction administration is estimated at \$82,000, which brings the total estimated City obligation to \$207,000. The Capital Improvements Plan identifies \$242,500 from the Road Use Tax Fund to be used as the City's local match.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the 2012/2013 West Lincoln Way Intersection Improvements (Lincoln Way & Dotson Drive) by establishing February 6, 2013, as the date of letting and February 12, 2013, as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the project.

#### **MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approval of the plans and specifications will initiate the letting process and should allow for the project to be completed by October 1, 2013.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the plans and specifications for the 2012/2013 West Lincoln Way Intersection Improvements (Lincoln Way & Dotson Drive) by establishing February 6, 2013, as the date of letting and February 12, 2013, as the date for report of bids.