

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2013/14 DOWNTOWN STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS  
(5<sup>TH</sup> STREET – DUFF AVENUE TO BURNETT AVENUE)**

**BACKGROUND:**

The annual Downtown Street Pavement Improvements program is for rehabilitation or reconstruction of streets within the downtown area. **The 2013/14 program location is 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Duff Avenue to Burnett Avenue.** The project includes removal and replacement of the existing pavement, storm sewer improvements and sanitary sewer improvements, as well as ornamental street lighting and a ribbon of colored sidewalk concrete to match the previously constructed areas of downtown.

City staff and the engineering consultant, Snyder & Associates, held a project information meeting with area businesses and the Main Street Cultural District (MSCD). The project will be staged to maintain access to all businesses during construction and is scheduled for completion in fall 2014. Staff has also coordinated to avoid having street closures during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Midnight Madness, Ames Public Library grand opening, and the Sesquicentennial Celebration activities.

Plans and specifications for this project have been completed by Snyder & Associates, and costs are estimated below:

Engineering and Construction Administration	\$ 200,000
Construction	
Street Costs	\$ 734,561
Sanitary Sewer Costs	\$ 200,000
Sidewalk Safety Costs	\$ 25,974
<b>Total Estimated Costs</b>	<b>\$1,160,535</b>

The project funding is summarized below:

General Obligation Bonds (FY 2013/14 for street)	\$1,000,000
Sanitary Sewer Funds (FY 2013/14)	\$ 200,000
Sidewalk Safety Program Funds (FY 2013/14)	\$ 30,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$1,230,000</b>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the 2013/14 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (5<sup>th</sup> Street – Duff Avenue to Burnett Avenue) by establishing March 19, 2014, as the date of letting and March 25, 2014, as the date for report of bids.

2. Direct staff to revise the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project represents City Council's continuing commitment to reinvest in Downtown infrastructure. By approving plans and specifications and setting the letting date, it will be possible to move forward with the reconstruction of 5<sup>th</sup> Street during the summer and fall of 2014. Delay of approval could delay the reconstruction until 2015.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the 2013/14 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (5<sup>th</sup> Street – Duff Avenue to Burnett Avenue) by establishing March 19, 2014, as the date of letting and March 25, 2014, as the date for report of bids.