

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2013/14 SHARED USE PATH SYSTEM EXPANSION (SKUNK RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION, PHASE 2 – E LINCOLN WAY TO SOUTH RIVER VALLEY PARK)

BACKGROUND:

This program provides for construction of shared use paths on street right-of-way, adjacent to streets and through greenbelts. The Transportation Plan identifies those paths that separate bicycle traffic from higher-speed automobile traffic. **The location for construction of a shared use path with this project is the Skunk River Trail Extension (East Lincoln Way to South River Valley Park).**

Since project funding includes Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds, the contract must follow Iowa DOT schedules and be let by the Iowa DOT. On February 16, 2016, bids for the project were received as follows:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
Engineer's estimate	\$696,960.00
Peterson Contractors, Inc.	\$673,442.95
Gehrke, Inc.	\$710,544.93
Howrey Construction	\$721,366.28
Con-Struct	\$748,978.90
Reilly Construction	\$775,669.00
Jasper Construction	\$813,468.80
Elder Corporation	\$849,000.00
Absolute Concrete	\$854,558.85

The following table summarizes the 2013/14 Shared Use Path System Expansion program funding distribution and expense breakdown for this project location.

<i>Program Funding Summary</i>	<i>Location</i>	
	Skunk River Trail, Phase 2 Extension	
2013/14 Shared Use Path System Expansion Program		
Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)	\$	430,000.00
MPO/TAP Funds	\$	360,000.00
2011/12 Shared Use Path System Expansion Program		
Project Savings (LOST)	\$	175,000.00
Total Funding	\$	965,000.00
<i>Program Expense Summary</i>		
Engineering & Contract Administration (estimated)	\$	134,688.58
Construction Costs (estimated)	\$	673,442.92
Total Expenses	\$	808,131.50

Remaining Shared Use Path System Expansion funds will be utilized at other prioritized locations included in future bid packages.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a. Accept the report of bids for the 2013/14 Shared Use Path System Expansion (Skunk River Trail Extension, Phase 2 – E Lincoln Way to South River Valley Park).
 - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for this project.
 - c. Award the 2013/14 Shared Use Path System Expansion (Skunk River Trail Extension, Phase 2 – E Lincoln Way to South River Valley Park) to Peterson Contractors, Inc. of Reinbeck, Iowa in the amount of \$673,442.95.
2. a. Accept the report of bids for the 2013/14 Shared Use Path System Expansion (Skunk River Trail Extension, Phase 2 – E Lincoln Way to South River Valley Park).
 - b. Reject award and direct staff to modify the project for a future Iowa DOT bid letting.
3. Do not proceed with the project at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By awarding this project, it will be possible to move forward and expand the shared use path system and provide an additional recreational facility for the citizens of Ames to use and enjoy. By not awarding this project, this could delay the start of the trail expansion project until the fall of 2016.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.