

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2015/16 RIGHT-OF-WAY RESTORATION CONTRACT

BACKGROUND:

In recent years, Public Works staff has observed and analyzed restoration of the right-of-way areas associated with various Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) projects. Some areas have been restored with sod, while other areas have been restored using seed or dormant seed. Success using these types of restoration is volatile and appears to depend on the weather at the time of installation. In areas where vegetation is not anticipated to be successful, other forms of restoration have been used, such as pervious pavement and colored or standard concrete.

Prior to the 2015 construction season, having restoration as a subcontract in each of the CIP contracts meant restoration would ultimately be the responsibility of each prime contractor. Since the prime contractor's focus is on getting the primary work completed, such as paving or water mains, finishing the project with an exceptional level of restoration frequently has become a lesser priority. To better address the restoration of rights-of-way, a new program was approved in the 2014/15 CIP. Staff has seen success in the new program and has utilized a "lessons learned" approach to this year's plans and specifications in order to provide a better overall project for the bidding contractors, field inspection staff and the citizens of Ames.

Project locations are shown below, although other areas may be added by change order if necessary.

STREET	FROM	TO	CIP LOCATION
Baughman Street	Beedle Dr	Dotson Dr	2015/16 Asphalt Pavement Improvements
Beedle Drive	Lincoln Way	Aplin Rd	
Dotson Drive	Lincoln Way	Baughman St	
Aplin Road	Beedle Dr	Wellon's Dr	
Jeffrey Lane	Harris St	north	
Harris Street	Wellon's Dr	East of Jeffrey Ln	
Wellon's Drive	Harris St	Aplin Rd	
Wellon's Circle	Wellon's Dr	West	
Friley Road	Beach Ave	Gaskill Rd	2015/16 Concrete Pavement Improvements #1
Country Club Blvd.	Pearson Ave	Beach Ave	2015/16 Water System Improvements #1
E 9th Street	Duff Ave	Carroll Ave	2015/16 Clear Water Diversion
McDonald Drive	Lincoln Way Frontage	North	
Duff Avenue	5th St	7th St	
Clark Avenue	Lincoln Way	Main St	2015/16 Downtown Pavement Improvements
S Duff Avenue	Lincoln Way	S 3rd Ave	2015/16 Water System Improvements #2

N 2nd Street	N Riverside Dr	N Maple Ave	2013/14 Storm Sewer & 15/16 Concrete #2
South Dakota Avenue	Mortensen Rd	Todd Dr	2015/16 Shared Use Path
Oakwood Road	State Ave	Green Hills Dr	Oakwood Road Recreational Trail
S Franklin Avenue	Tripp St	Coy St	2014/15 Seal Coat Pavement Improvements
Ashmore Drive	Beach Ave	Ash Ave	
Ashmore Circle			
Ashmore Court			
Coy Street	S Franklin Ave	West	2014/15 Asphalt Street Pavement Improvements & 2014/15 Water System Improvements

Costs associated with this project are estimated to include:

Engineering and Construction Administration (Estimated)	\$ 25,165
Restoration work (Estimated, This Project)	\$ 167,775
Total Estimated Costs	\$ 192,940

Project funding is summarized below:

Road Use Tax	\$ 175,000
Water Utility Fund	\$ 50,000
Sanitary Sewer Utility	\$ 50,000
Total Funding	\$ 275,000

Any unutilized funds will be allocated to other locations/programs as needed to ensure a properly vegetated right of way.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2015/16 Right-of-Way Restoration Contract (Various Locations) by establishing April 20, 2016, as the date of letting and April 26, 2016, as the date for report of bids.
2. Direct staff to revise the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Proceeding with this project will make it possible to begin restoration efforts on projects held over from the 2015 construction season, as well as projects planned for the upcoming 2016 construction season.

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