

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2016/17 TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROGRAM – 6TH STREET/ HAZEL AVE

BACKGROUND:

The Traffic Signal Program is the annual program that provides for replacing older traffic signals and constructing new traffic signals in the City, which will result in improved visibility, reliability, and appearance of signals. This program provides upgrading of the traffic signal system technology. In recent years, traffic signal replacements have included radar detection systems instead of in-pavement loop detection systems that had previously been used (frequently a point of vehicle detection failure). Another advantage of the radar detection system is that it detects bicycles in addition to vehicles. **This project will install a new signal and new pedestrian ramps at 6th Street and N. Hazel Avenue.**

WHKS of Ames, Iowa, developed plans and specifications with an estimated budget as shown below:

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Road Use Tax	\$325,000	Administration	\$15,000
		Design	\$17,867
		Construction	\$280,008
Total	\$325,000	Total	\$312,874
		Contingency (3.7%)	\$12,126

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the 2016/17 Traffic Signal Program – 6th Street/Hazel Ave project and establish February 21, 2018, as the date of letting with February 27, 2018, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving these plans and specifications, it will be possible to provide more reliable service for users of this intersection. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.