

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2017/18 RIGHT OF WAY APPEARANCE ENHANCEMENT – 927
DAYTON AVENUE**

BACKGROUND:

This annual program provides for enhancements of the right of ways in the City of Ames including retaining walls, entry elements, median enhancements, and monuments. **The location for 2017/18 is 927 Dayton Avenue.** The retaining wall at this location had been repaired once in 2008 and needs total replacement before it collapses.

The construction for this project has an estimated cost of \$168,658. This construction cost represents a higher cost than initially anticipated in the Capital Improvements Plan. This higher cost is due to further analysis of the wall that indicates all the existing retaining wall should be replaced in lieu of the smaller planned repair. This will ensure a safer and longer lasting product. Engineering and construction administration costs are estimated at \$10,500, bringing the **total estimated cost for the project to \$178,658.**

This project is shown in the 2017/18 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) with funding in the amount of \$95,000. The Right of Way Appearance Enhancement CIP Program balance has unobligated funding of \$202,753, bringing **total available funding to \$297,753.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the 2017/18 Right of Way Appearance Enhancement – 927 Dayton Avenue project by establishing February 28, 2018, as the date of letting and March 6, 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 complete the project in the spring of 2018 and limit any risk from the existing retaining wall collapsing.

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