

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**           2017/18 S. DUFF AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

**BACKGROUND:**

This project involves transportation improvements along S. Duff Avenue (US Highway 69) between the Iowa DNR State Forest Nursery and Ken Maril Road. These improvements will address existing safety issues in the corridor as well as meet the requirements associated with the Contract Rezoning Agreement of Brick Towne Development at 3115, 3119, 3301, 3325, 3409, and 3413 South Duff Avenue. As part of the agreement, the developer is responsible for stormwater management for the site (typical of development in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 5B) as well as additional detention and conveyance as recommended in the Teagarden Drainage Improvement Report. The City is responsible for transportation improvements through Ken Maril Road. The Iowa DOT is contributing funds to rehabilitate the existing pavement of US Hwy 69 through the project corridor.

On June 6, 2018, bids for the project were received as follows:

<i><b>Bidder</b></i>	<i><b>Bid Amount</b></i>
Engineer's estimate	\$1,826,387.25
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$2,374,992.00
Iowa Civil Contracting, Inc.	\$2,565,330.82

This S. Duff Avenue Improvements project is shown in the 2017/18 Capital Improvements Plan. The table below is a budget summary for the project.

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
G.O. Bonds	\$ 576,000	
State Grants / Funds	\$ 1,400,000	
17/18 Accessibility Enhancement Program	\$ 125,000	
Unobligated G.O. Bonds	\$ 100,000	
Construction (Low-Bid)		\$ 2,374,992.00
Engineering and Administration (Estimated)		\$ 335,000.00
	<u>\$ 2,201,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,709,992.00</u>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2017/18 S. Duff Avenue Improvements project.
  - b. Do not award a contract for this project.
- 2a. Accept the report of bids for the 2017/18 S. Duff Avenue Improvements project.
  - b. Approve additional funding and final plans and specifications for this project.
  - c. Award the 2017/18 S. Duff Avenue Improvements project to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$2,374,992.00.
3. Do not proceed with this project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Due to the higher than expected bid prices, staff will work with the design consultant to identify cost savings, make design modifications, and rebid the project this fall (2018) for early 2019 construction.

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