

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2017/18 MAIN STREET PAVERS PROJECT (CLARK – BURNETT)

BACKGROUND:

This project provides for the replacement of the pavers in the Main Street corridor. These pavers were installed with the Main Street Reconstruction project in 1999. At that time, the pavers were an aesthetic upgrade to traditional concrete sidewalks. Over time, the pavers have proven to be difficult to maintain. Uneven pavers appear every year, and Public Works Operations crews spend a considerable amount of time to level or replace pavers. Individual replacement pavers are now in short supply as the original pavers are not produced anymore. Winter ice control chemicals applied by adjacent businesses have led to accelerated deterioration of the pavers, especially on the southern side of Main Street where the building provides continuous shade in the winter and no sunlight reaches the sidewalk to aid in melting the snow and ice.

This is the first phase of the Main Street Pavers replacement program, which will remove and replace pavers along both sides of **Main Street between Clark Avenue and Burnett Avenue**. Staff has worked closely with Ames Main Street and the Public Art Commission to finalize details such as paver colors and patterns. Staff received direction from City Council at the July 28, 2020 Council meeting regarding these items and also regarding City Council's desire to deaccession and remove the wall at Tom Evans Plaza.

Staff has completed plans and specifications for this contract which include a Base Bid (removal of pavers, concrete repair, etc.), an Alternate Bid A (straight line paver pattern), and an Alternate Bid B (curved line paver pattern). **The project will be awarded as the Base bid plus Alternate A or Alternate B.** The total estimated cost for the Base Bid and Alternate Bid A is \$165,068. The total estimated cost for the Base Bid and Alternate Bid B is \$180,638. Engineering and contract administration are estimated to be \$5,000, bringing **overall project costs to \$170,068 and \$185,638**, respectively.

The plans and specifications prepared do not include the removal of the wall and associated items. However, staff will evaluate the proposed costs to add these items by change order into the project once a successful bidder is under contract.

The table below indicates estimated expenses and funding sources.

Funding Source	Available Revenue	Estimated Expenses
2017/18 Main Street Pavers (Clark to Burnett)	\$ 171,000	
2018/19 Main Street Pavers (Burnett to Kellogg)	171,000	
2019/20 Main Street Pavers (Kellogg to Douglas)	190,000	
Return to Road Use Tax balance for COVID-19 Shortfall	(165,697)	
2020/21 Main Street Pavers (Douglas to Duff)	88,000	
Public Art Commission Wall Demolition Support	1,500	
Removal of Wall and Replacement of Pavers at Tom Evans Plaza (est.)		\$ 24,445
2017/2018 Main Street Pavers (Clark to Burnett) Base Bid + Alt A		165,068
OR		OR
2017/2018 Main Street Pavers (Clark to Burnett) Base Bid + Alt B		180,638
Engineering		5,000
	\$455,803	\$194,513 to \$210,083

In response to a shortfall in Road Use Tax revenues in FY 2019/20, \$165,697 in funds allocated to this project were returned to the fund balance (as shown in the table above). Depending on the bids received for this first phase and future phases of the Paver Replacement project, additional revenues may need to be allocated in a future CIP to address a shortfall for the overall Paver Replacement Program.

Staff has been in contact with adjacent businesses to discuss the project and associated access issues to minimize business impact during construction.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the 2017/2018 Main Street Pavers (Clark to Burnett) project and establish September 2, 2020, as the date of letting and September 8, 2020, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The pavers along Main Street are beginning to fail at an accelerated rate. Removal and replacement are necessary to ensure the sidewalks are safe for pedestrian usage and to enhance the visual aesthetic along the Main Street corridor. The replacement paver details have been coordinated with Ames Main Street, Public Art Commission, and the City Council. Delaying this project will result in increased maintenance costs for the existing pavers.

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