

ITEM#: 25  
DATE: 12-14-21

### COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: US HIGHWAY 69 IMPROVEMENTS – LINCOLN WAY (DUFF AVENUE TO GILCHRIST STREET)**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) designed, bid, and constructed an overlay of Lincoln Way between Duff Avenue and Gilchrist Street (US 69) in late 2019. City staff worked with the IDOT to repair curb and gutter and storm sewer intakes along the corridor, and to upgrade vehicle detection for the signals at Kellogg Avenue/Lincoln Way and Clark Avenue/Lincoln Way. These portions of infrastructure are the responsibility of the City of Ames, even though IDOT is responsible for the roadway.

**The IDOT has finalized this project and billed the City for its share of the project costs in the amount of \$64,006.10.** In accordance with City Purchasing Policies and Procedures, expenditures over \$50,000 must be approved by City Council. Funding for this work is available in the FY 2019/20 US Highway 69 Improvements CIP program in the amount of \$50,000 to cover the curb and storm sewer repairs. Additional funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the vehicle detection upgrades has been identified in savings in the Accessibility Enhancement Program, bringing **total available funding to \$65,000.**

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the payment of \$64,006.10 to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the City's share of costs in the US Highway 69 Improvements – Lincoln Way (Duff Avenue to Gilchrist Street) project.
2. Direct staff to work with the Iowa Department of Transportation to make changes to this project.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project is complete, and funding identified to pay for the City's share of cost for the reconstruction. This reconstruction project provides a smoother driving surface and upgraded vehicle detection at intersections for users of this busy corridor.

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