

ITEM #: 18
 DATE: 02-14-23
 DEPT: PW

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2021/22 ACCESSIBILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

This annual program provides sidewalk and pedestrian ramp improvements along with additional accessibility upgrades at traffic signals and other publicly owned parking facilities meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. It can also include retrofitting existing signalized traffic control devices with audible and vibrotactile pushbuttons, as well as upgrading public parking stalls to current accessibility standards. Whenever possible, this program is combined with and used in conjunction with other roadway, traffic signal replacement, or shared use path improvement projects. This program provides safer pedestrian facilities, improves ADA accessibility, and limits the City's liability for residents using public sidewalks in a deteriorated condition.

This project will make pedestrian ramp improvements and pushbutton upgrades at the following intersections: Duff Ave & Main Street, Duff Ave & 6th Street, Duff Ave & 9th Street, Duff Ave & 11th Street, and South Dakota Ave & Mortensen Road. Bolton & Menk, of Ames, Iowa, and staff, developed plans and specifications with an estimated budget as shown below:

Revenues		Expenses	
2021/22 Accessibility Enhancement CIP:		Administration	\$ 15,000
Road Use Tax	\$72,267	Design	31,345
Local Option Sales Tax	\$87,000		
LOT Savings from 2020/21 Vet Med Trail	100,000	Pushbuttons & Poles (est)	46,000
		Construction (est)	162,525
Total	\$ 259,267	Total	\$ 254,870

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the 2021/22 Accessibility Enhancement Program project and establish March 8, 2023, as the date of letting with March 14, 2023, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving these plans and specifications, it will be possible to move forward with upgrades to the pedestrian transportation network. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.