

ITEM #: 23  
DATE: 05-14-24  
DEPT: PW

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**                    **2024/25 RIGHT-OF-WAY RESTORATION PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND:**

This program is for restoration of the right-of-way areas associated with various Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) projects. Disturbed ROW areas are restored using seed or dormant seed. Success using these various types of restoration is volatile and appears to depend on the weather at and following the time of installation.

The ROW Restoration program allows the City to bring in one contractor who specializes in seeding to restore several locations with improved quality. Staff has seen success in the program and has utilized observations from previous programs to improve this year's plans and specifications to provide a better overall project for the contractors, field inspection staff, and residents of Ames. Locations included within this project are typically associated with the capital Improvement projects, along with small projects as needed. Other areas may be added by change order if necessary. City staff has completed plans and specifications for this project with a summary of revenues and projected expenses, shown below.

<b>Funding Source (2024/25 ROW Restoration)</b>	<b>Available Revenue</b>	<b>Estimated Expenses</b>
Road Use Tax	\$125,000	
Water Utility Fund	\$ 75,000	
Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 75,000	
Storm Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 50,000	
Engineer's Estimate of Construction		\$184,130
Engineering and Administration		\$ 30,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>	<b>\$214,130</b>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2024/25 Right-of-Way Restoration program and establish June 5, 2024, as the date of letting and June 11, 2025, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Proceeding with this project will make it possible to begin restoration efforts on projects currently underway and projects planned for the 2024 spring construction season. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.