

ITEM #: 15
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PRECONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH IOWA DOT FOR GRADING, PAVING, AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER THE SOUTH SKUNK RIVER ON U.S. 30 FROM SOUTH DUFF AVENUE TO SOUTH DAYTON AVENUE

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa DOT plans to design, let, and construct grading and new pavement improvements on U.S. 30 from South Duff Avenue to South Dayton Avenue in Ames. The project also includes a bridge replacement over the South Skunk River. This bridge widening was an important component of the 2014 Flood Mitigation Study recommendations. Construction is planned to begin in early 2025 and continue through 2027. It is planned that through-traffic will be maintained on U.S. 30 during construction.

Because the work will require coordination with the City, an agreement has been prepared to outline responsibilities. Requirements of the City in the agreement include:

- Allowing traffic control signage to be placed in City right-of-way.
- Cooperating to establish detour routes when necessary. A separate detour agreement would be negotiated if, or when, detours are necessary and the City would be eligible for compensation for the detour.
- Providing right-of-way for the project, without cost to the DOT, from any current City right-of-way and any other City-owned lands which are required for the project, subject to the condition that the DOT shall reimburse the City for the value of improvements situated on such lands.

In addition, the City would be responsible for relocating any City-owned utilities necessary to facilitate construction. However, the project does not appear to impact any City-owned utilities, except electric. Electric Services staff is developing a relocation plan for the lighting along the South Duff Ave. ramps.

There is a City shared use path in the project area, but review of the plans shows that the path should not have to be relocated.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Preconstruction Agreement with the Iowa DOT for grading, paving, and bridge replacement over the South Skunk River on U.S. 30 from South Duff Avenue to South Dayton Avenue in Ames.
2. Direct staff to request changes to the agreement.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of this agreement will allow the Iowa DOT to proceed with plans for needed improvements on US 30. **The completion of the widening of the Highway 30 bridge over the Skunk River will further reduce the impact of flooding along S. Duff Avenue and S.E. 16th Street.** Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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