

ITEM #: 1
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **2024/25 SHARED USE PATH MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2
(STUART SMITH PARK AND STATE AVENUE)**

BACKGROUND:

The shared use path in Stuart Smith Park was overlaid with asphalt in 2022. A portion of the shared use path on the southern end of the park was not overlaid during the 2022 project because of significant deterioration to the path. This project will remove and replace the deteriorated portion of the existing eight-foot wide asphalt path and replace it with a new ten-foot wide concrete path.

This project also includes a shared use path maintenance project area along State Avenue, from Arbor Street to south of the Baker Subdivision. This portion of the shared use path has a significant number of cracked and displaced concrete panels that collect and pond water during moderate rainfall events. This project will remove the existing eight-foot wide shared use path, improve drainage in the ditch along State Avenue, and replace it with a new ten-foot wide concrete path. City staff has received several requests from the public to replace the shared use path in both locations. **A map of the two locations for this project is attached.**

City staff has completed plans and specifications for this project with **estimated costs of \$153,440.60**. There is \$300,000 of Local Option Sales Tax allocated to this program in FY 2024/25 in the Capital Improvement Plan. City Council awarded the first construction contract under this program on July 23, 2024, in the amount of \$75,340, **which leaves over \$220,000 remaining to fund this project** (Contract 2). Following the award of contract for this project, any remaining funding will be utilized for other shared use path maintenance priorities.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2024/25 Shared Use Path Maintenance Contract 2 (Stuart Smith Park and State Avenue) project, setting September 4, 2024 as the bid due date and September 10, 2024, as the date for report of bids.
2. Direct staff to make changes to the project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The shared use paths in this project have reached the end of their useful life and are in need of replacement. These two locations are also a priority for users of the shared use path system. Replacing these shared use paths will improve the quality of the network within the City of Ames. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[24-25 SUP Maint No 2 Location Attachment for CAF.pdf](#)