COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **NAMING NEW FRONTAGE ROAD AT U.S. HIGHWAY 30 AND 580TH/S. TELLER AVE AS TURING STREET**

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) created a new frontage road north of U.S. Highway 30 with the construction of the new interchange at U.S. Highway 30 and 580th/S Teller Avenue between Ames and Nevada in Grant Township. A portion of the frontage road east of Teller Avenue is located within the city limits of Ames with the remainder in unincorporated Story County, as shown on the attached map.

Parcels adjacent to the frontage road require an official street name to establish addresses, which is essential for emergency services. To ensure consistency, City staff provided the Story County Planning Department with a list of approved street names based on the City's 2017 Street Naming Guide, which designates this area for names honoring leading scientists.

The Story County Board of Supervisors adopted the name Turing Street for their portion of the frontage road at the November 5, 2024 meeting. Alan Turing, a renowned British mathematician and computer scientist, made groundbreaking contributions to cryptography during World War II, playing a pivotal role in breaking Nazi communication encryptions.

New street names are typically approved through the City's subdivision process. **The new interchange at U.S. Highway 30 and 580th/S Teller Avenue was not required to follow the City's Subdivision Ordinance and, therefore, adoption of a new street name requires Council to approve an ordinance before the name becomes legal.** Once that is complete, staff will send change of address letters to all affected property owners with copies to various City departments, the Post Office, Story County offices, and utility companies. If the property is a rental, the property owner is responsible for notifying any occupants of the address change.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance naming of the frontage road as Turing Street.

2. Refer this item back to staff with direction as to how to proceed.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The proposed name, Turing Street, aligns with the City's Street Naming Guide, which designates this area for names inspired by notable scientists. Maintaining consistent street naming with Story County is essential for clear navigation, efficient postal service, and, most critically, timely emergency response across jurisdictional boundaries. **Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative No. 1, as described above.**

ATTACHMENT(S):
Turing Street Map.pdf