

ITEM #: 16  
DATE: 04-08-25  
DEPT: PW

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**                      **2024/25 ACCESSIBILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND:**

This annual program combines sidewalk and pedestrian ramp improvements with additional accessibility upgrades at traffic signals and other publicly owned parking facilities. The program provides for removing and replacing sidewalk intersection crosswalk panels and handicap ramps at locations that fail to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements to have truncated dome warning panels installed.

This program also includes retrofitting existing signalized traffic control devices with audible and vibrotactile pushbuttons, as well as upgrading parking stalls to current accessibility standards in any on-street location or parking lot owned by the City of Ames.

Wherever possible, this program is combined with and used in conjunction with other roadway, traffic signal replacement, or shared use path improvement projects for pedestrian ramp reconstruction. **This project includes six different locations as shown in the attached map.**

Staff has been working with Bolton & Menk of Ames, Iowa to develop plans and specifications for the project with a **total estimated construction cost of \$84,530. Funding is shown in the FY 2024/25 Capital Improvements Plan in the amount of \$200,000.** Remaining funding will be prioritized for future accessibility enhancement program priorities. The table below shows the revenues and expenses for this project:

Revenues	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Road Use Tax	\$100,000		
Local Option Sales Tax	\$100,000		
		Design	\$ 23,500
		Construction (est)	\$ 84,530
		Administration	\$ 15,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>		<b>\$123,030</b>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2024/25 Accessibility Enhancement Program and establish May 7, 2025, as the date of letting and May 13, 2025, as the date for the report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**This project will provide improved pedestrian ramps and street crossings for sidewalk and path users of all abilities at various locations. Approval of the plans and specifications will continue to keep this project on pace for 2025 construction.** Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

[Map.pdf](#)