

ITEM #:	12
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **2024/25 MULTI-MODAL ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
(6TH STREET - NORTH OF CITY HALL)**

BACKGROUND:

Multi-modal transportation refers to the variety of modes used by Ames residents to travel the transport system. The modes specifically addressed in this program include bicycling and automobiles.

Multiple complaints have been received over the past several years regarding the sidewalk along 6th Street north of City Hall (see attached map). Due to the Police parking area and sallyport access, this sidewalk does not have compliant slopes and is frequently blocked by vehicles. **In order to better service the needs of the public for both pedestrian safety and ADA compliance, as well as more efficiently utilize the parking area for Police and Public Works staff, a collaborative project has been designed to improve the area.** The design was also coordinated with the operations of the City Auditorium so that events could still be managed during and after construction.

The project will improve the pedestrian path by eliminating several jogs in the existing sidewalk, and ensuring that sidewalk slopes are compliant with ADA. Additionally, the design provides an adequate number of parking spaces for Police patrol vehicles, which have increased in number over the past several years. The Police vehicles will utilize back-in angled parking, which will provide increased visibility in instances where officers need to enter the roadway quickly, and will also make loading equipment easier. Finally, the project will allow a drainage issue to be resolved; one downspout draining a small portion of the City Hall roof currently drains over the sidewalk, which freezes in the winter. This drain will be re-routed to the storm sewer system.

Staff has worked with Bolton & Menk of Ames, Iowa to develop plans and specifications for the project with an estimated construction cost of \$91,236. The budget for this project includes \$25,000 from FY 2024/25 General Fund savings and \$90,000 in savings in the Multi-Modal Roadway Improvements Program available to fund the remainder of the project. The table below shows the revenues and expenses for this project:

Revenues	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Road Use Tax	\$90,000		
General Fund Savings	\$25,000		
		Design	\$ 16,262
		Construction (est)	\$ 91,236
		Administration	\$ 5,000
Totals	\$115,000		\$112,498

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2024/25 Multi-Modal Roadway Improvements (6th Street) and establish August 6, 2025, as the date of letting and August 12, 2025, as the date for the report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project will provide a compliant sidewalk to improve pedestrian and bicycle travel along 6th Street to the downtown area and City Hall. The project will also double the available parking on the north side of City Hall from nine current spots to 18. 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):

[6th Street Project Map.pdf](#)