

ITEM #:	<u>24</u>
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: IDOT DETOUR AGREEMENT FOR US 30 PAVEMENT PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) has scheduled a 2026 construction project in the eastbound lanes of US 30 in Ames between South Duff Avenue to South Dayton Avenue. **To complete the construction project, the eastbound interchange ramps along US 30 will be temporarily closed between April 1 and November 15, 2026.**

To accommodate traffic during construction, the DOT has proposed detouring vehicles onto local roads. The City has been asked to enter into an Agreement for Use of Local Agency Roads as Detours (attached). **The designated detour route includes SE 16th Street from US 69 to South Dayton Avenue, and South Dayton Avenue from SE 16th Street to US 30.** The closure and detours are marked on the attached agreement.

According to the agreement:

- The DOT will maintain the detour route during the closure period and provide all required traffic control devices per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
- The DOT and Engineers from the City will jointly inspect the condition of the detour route prior to construction.
- The DOT will compensate the City or restore the local roads to their original condition if excessive wear or damage occurs due to the detour, following DOT Policy 600.05 and *Iowa Code* Sections 313.28 and 313.29.
- No pre-detour maintenance is planned.
- The City has the option to disallow oversize/overweight loads, and the DOT will be responsible for routing such traffic if permitted.

The Public Works Traffic Division will continually monitor and adjust signal timings as needed during the detour period. This project is expected to be bid by the DOT this fall. Once a contractor has been awarded the contract, City staff will learn more about the project timing and efforts that can be undertaken to accommodate the particularly heavy traffic in this area related to ISU football game days.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the attached Detour Agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation for PCC Pavement - Grade and New project.
2. Do not approve the detour agreement.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The proposed detour is necessary to allow the Iowa DOT to complete construction activities on US 30 while providing the most effective management of traffic during the construction period. While public notification will be the responsibility of the Iowa DOT, the City will assist with public awareness efforts. **Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.**

ATTACHMENT(S):

[US 30 Interchange Ramp Detours.pdf](#)