

ITEM #: 15
DATE: 01-13-26
DEPT: PW

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2025/26 COLLECTOR STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS
(BLOOMINGTON ROAD)**

BACKGROUND:

This annual program focuses on reconstruction or rehabilitation of collector streets. The project involves a mill and overlay of Bloomington Road from George Washington Carver Avenue to five hundred feet west of Eisenhower Avenue. The pavement surface along this portion of Bloomington Road has begun to show cracking and settlement. **This project will remove and replace the existing surface before further deterioration occurs that would necessitate more expensive full removal and replacement.**

The shared use path on the south side of Bloomington Road from Stange Road to the east end of the project will also be replaced in conjunction with the roadway resurfacing work. The existing shared use path is experiencing joint failures due to freeze/thaw cycles.

Additionally, pedestrian ramps at the intersection of Stange Road and Bloomington Road will be upgraded to current standards, and new push button poles will be installed for pedestrian crossings. Pedestrian crossing enhancements at Bloomington Road and Hyde Avenue will be coordinated with a traffic signal installation at Hyde Avenue in future fiscal years.

Because this project includes State of Iowa grant funding administered by the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO), bids must be solicited through the Iowa Department of Transportation bid letting process.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

A public informational website was created to provide details on the planned construction, including staging and anticipated impacts to the public. A letter containing a link to this informational webpage was mailed to residents and property owners in the project area. Anyone with questions or concerns was encouraged to contact the Public Works Department. **City staff has also directly contacted adjacent businesses near the intersection of Stange and Bloomington Road to coordinate access for customers and delivery vehicles.**

Plans and specifications for this project were prepared by Stanley Consultants. Projected revenues and expenses are shown below:

Funding Source	Revenue	Expenses
2025/26 Collector Street Improvements (G. O. Bonds)	\$ 500,000	
AAMPO Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	700,000	
2025/26 Shared Use Path Maintenance (Local Option Sales Tax)	100,000	

Construction Estimate		\$1,060,612
Engineering/Administration		200,000
TOTAL	\$1,300,000	\$1,260,612

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for 2025/26 Collector Street Pavement Improvements (Bloomington Road) and establish February 17, 2026, as the date of letting and February 24, 2026, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project must be let by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) due to the state Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding. Approval of the plans and specifications are necessary to continue to keep this project on the Iowa DOT's February 17, 2026, letting schedule. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[2025-26_Collector_St_Location_Map.pdf](#)