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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2026/27 ARTERIAL STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS
(EAST LINCOLN WAY)**

BACKGROUND:

The Arterial Street Pavement Improvements Program is an annual program for the reconstruction or rehabilitation of arterials streets in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

On September 23, 2025, City Council received a presentation of findings from the East Lincoln Way Corridor Study. **The study was initiated to evaluate future roadway cross sections and multimodal improvements along East Lincoln Way from Duff Avenue to the South Skunk River bridge.**

The study recommended the following improvements:

- Reconstruct E Lincoln Way as a 3-lane roadway (one travel lane in each direction with a center two-way left-turn lane).
- Construct a 10-foot shared-use path on the south side of the corridor.
- Add pedestrian crossing improvements at priority locations identified in the Walk Bike Roll Ames plan.
- Reconfigure the intersection of Duff Avenue and Lincoln Way, significantly improving operations and safety.

On October 14, 2025, staff was directed to utilize the E Lincoln Way (Duff Avenue to S Skunk River) Corridor Study's recommended improvements when proceeding with final design of the 2026/27 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements project.

To begin the design process for this project staff initiated a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for professional services for the design and development of plans and specifications for the project. Proposals for this work were received from eight engineering firms on May 29, 2026. The proposals were evaluated on their qualifications according to the following criteria: Project Understanding, Project Approach, Design Team/Key Personnel, Previous Experience, and Cost.

The evaluation scores are as follows:

Firm	Qualifications Score	Fee	Final Rank
Strand	273	\$350,000	1
Kimley Horn	268	391,755	2
WHKS	261	258,000	3
Kirkham Micheal	257.5	361,030	4
McClure	255	559,740	5
Foth	242.5	442,838	6
ISG	240	344,200	7
Snyder	228	289,350	8

Strand Associates, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, scored the highest based on qualifications. Staff has reviewed Strand's proposed fee of \$350,000 and believes it provides the greatest value in terms of services and represents the level of design effort needed for this project. Strand performed the 2025 Corridor study and therefore has the most knowledge of the project with an additional year of study. Additionally Strand's proposal had the most complete scope required to perform detailed design necessary to address the challenges of this corridor with a new configuration. This design effort will help to set proper staging for the project, saving costs and reducing delays in construction.

A summary of revenues and projected expenses for the project is shown below:

Funding Source	Revenues	Expenses
GO Bonds	\$1,260,000	
STBG Grant Funds	2,880,000	
Sanitary Sewer Utility	610,000	
Water Utility	300,000	
Construction (Est.)		\$4,510,000
Engineering (this action)		350,000
Administration		190,000
TOTAL	\$5,050,000	\$5,050,000

The project is anticipated to be bid in the winter of 2026/27 with construction activities occurring in 2027.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the professional services agreement with Strand Associates of Ames, IA, for 2026/27 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements (E Lincoln Way) in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.
2. Direct staff to negotiate an engineering agreement with another consulting firm.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Based on staff's evaluation using a qualifications based scoring criteria, Strand Associates will provide the best value to the City for professional services for the 2026/27 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements program. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[26-27 E Lincoln Way Location Map.pdf](#)