

ITEM: 15  
DATE: 06-11-19

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: CAMPUSTOWN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS – WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT (LINCOLN WAY FROM HAYWARD AVENUE TO WELCH AVENUE)**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The 100 block of Welch Avenue between Lincoln Way and Chamberlain Avenue contain some of Ames' oldest infrastructure. Reconstruction of the utilities in this block is included in the FY 2019/20 Capital Improvement Plan. These improvements to Welch Avenue will not only provide the opportunity to address aging infrastructure, but also to enhance traffic flow, upgrade amenities, and explore ways to match the current use of the area to a new streetscape.

This project also includes underground utility updates on Lincoln Way (Hayward Avenue to Welch Avenue) and on segments of Welch Avenue outside the 100 block (Lincoln Way to Knapp Street). These utility updates include water main, storm sewer, and sanitary sewer.

On May 14, 2019, the City Council received a report regarding the timing of this project, and approved staff's recommendation to delay the most disruptive portion of the project (along Welch Avenue), until next year. The City Council approved proceeding with the utility work along Lincoln Way in summer 2019. **Therefore, this project focuses on the underground utility updates that are located on Lincoln Way (Hayward Avenue to Welch Avenue).**

The engineering, electric, construction and construction administration budget for this project is programmed for \$1,750,000 in various funding (\$100,000 Road Use Tax, \$1,000,000 GO Bonds, \$425,000 Water Utility Funds, \$125,000 Sewer Utility Funds, and \$100,000 in Electric Utility Funds).

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the Campustown Public Improvements – Water Service Replacement (Lincoln Way from Hayward Avenue to Welch Avenue) project and establish July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, as the date of letting and July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as the date for report of bids.
2. Direct staff to revise the project.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By approving these plans and specifications, underground utility updates on Lincoln Way may be completed this year, and traffic disruption on Lincoln Way will be minimized next year during the construction of the Welch Avenue improvements.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.