

ITEM #: 19
DATE: 01-27-26
DEPT: PW

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2025/26 CONCRETE STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM NO. 2 (SUNSET DRIVE)

BACKGROUND:

The Concrete Street Pavement Improvements Program is the annual program for the removal and replacement of deteriorated pavements from concrete streets and replacement with a new pavement surface. This project involves the reconstruction of Sunset Drive from Ash Ave to Beach Ave. **Sunset Drive is primarily home to fraternities and sororities where residents typically relocate during the end of July and the first weeks of August. The project is planned for construction over two years to avoid impacting this typical relocation period for residents.**

This project will include removal and replacement of the pavement surface as well as the replacement of storm sewer and sanitary sewer structures and spot pipe repairs. The majority of storm sewer pipe along the project will be replaced, and new water main will be installed for the length of the project. Sidewalk ramps within the project limits will be brought up to current standards. Plans and specifications for this project were completed by WHKS of Ames, IA.

This program also includes separate projects located along Campus Avenue and Clark Avenue that will be bid independently of the Sunset Drive project.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

A public meeting for the project was held on December 10th at St. John's by the Campus Episcopal Church of Ames. The meeting gave residents the opportunity to review the project, ask questions, and express concerns. **After receiving feedback from residents during the public meeting and from individual discussions with fraternities, sororities, and property managers, staging for the project was modified to a two-year construction period. Cross property access has been coordinated with several properties, and adjustments to staging have been made to allow continued access to parking lots during construction.**

A summary of revenues and projected expenses is shown below:

Funding Source	Revenue	Expenses
2025/26 Concrete Streets (G. O. Bonds)	\$1,100,000	
2025/26 Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Program	95,000	
2025/26 Stormwater Improvement Program	270,000	
2025/26 Water System Improvements Program	340,000	

Construction Estimate		\$1,675,000
Engineering/Administration		130,000
TOTAL	\$1,805,000	\$1,805,000

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2025/26 Concrete Street Pavement Improvements Program No. 2 (Sunset Dr) and establish February 18, 2026, as the date of letting and February 24, 2026, as the date of Public Hearing for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the plans and specifications will continue to keep this project on the February 18, 2026 letting schedule. This project will provide an improved street surface, thereby reducing future maintenance costs. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[2025-26 Concrete Street Sunset Dr Location Map.pdf](#)