

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-206

AGENDA:

MAY 5, 2003

SUBJECT:

S.W. 9th STREET
BRIDGE OVER
RACCOON RIVER
AND UNION PACIFIC
RAILROAD
REHABILITATION

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

SYNOPSIS —

On April 15, 2003, bids were received by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the S.W. 9th Street Bridge over the Raccoon River and Union Pacific Railroad Rehabilitation Project. Only one bid was received which was from Cramer & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,885,451.50.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Funding for this project, which includes \$1,000,000 in Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation funds, is available in the S.W. 9th Street Bridge over the Raccoon River Project in the 2003-04 Capital Improvements Program (Page BRV-10, Fund CP032, Organization ENG990000, Project BRV033, Index Code 323345) with a \$150,000 transfer from the S.W. 8th Street Viaduct over Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Parkway project (Page BRV-9, Fund CP032, Organization ENG990000, Project BRV036, Index Code 323543), and a \$75,000 transfer from City-wide Bridges (Page BRV-6, Fund CP032, Organization ENG990000, Project BRV003, Index Code 320341).

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

Staff contacted two other contractors in the area who had taken out plan sets, and they both stated that the reason that they did not submit a bid was because of scheduling conflicts. Our structural consultant and Engineering staff have reviewed the bid, and due to the complexity of the repairs and the large number of bridges being built in the Des Moines area, rebidding would delay the start of construction to 2004 and probably would result in higher bids. The S.W. 8th Street Viaduct over MLK Parkway was scheduled for design work in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-04. However, the viaduct did not rank high enough on IDOT's priority list to receive federal funding. The rehabilitation of this viaduct will be delayed at least one year. The funding currently programmed for design work can be transferred to the S.W. 9th Street Bridge project to allow construction to proceed. The bid received was 10.7 percent over the Engineer's estimate, which is within normal bidding range.

IDOT, our structural consultant, and staff recommend acceptance of Cramer

	& Associates, Inc.'s current bid of \$1,885,451.50.
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