



# MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** September 15, 2015  
**REGULAR**  
**ITEM #** 15

**AGENDA ITEM:** Phase 1 Downtown Street, Drainage, and Utility Improvements – Approve Revised Alley Plan.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Chad Isakson, Project Engineer

**THROUGH:** Clark Schroeder, Interim City Administrator

**REVIEWED BY:** Jack Griffin, City Engineer  
Mike Bouthilet, Public Works

**SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Introduction of Item.....City Engineer
- Report/Presentation.....City Engineer
- Questions from Council to Staff ..... Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate.....Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion ..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

**POLICY RECOMMENDER:** Engineering.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Actual cost to be determined upon completion of the final design. If directed to complete the redesign, a change order will be processed for council approval. The revised alley plan includes geometric alterations that result in adjusted quantities of curb, concrete sidewalk, gravel and asphalt paving as well as the relocation of an existing utility pole to be completed mostly at the unit prices in the existing contract. The adjusted construction cost is estimated to be approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000.

**SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:**

The City Council is respectfully requested to approve the revised alley plan to address pedestrian access to the library for the Phase 1 Downtown Street, Drainage, and Utility Improvements. The recommended motion for the action is as follows:

***“Move to approve the revised alley plan for the  
Phase 1 Downtown Street, Drainage, and Utility Improvements.”***

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Phase 1 Downtown Street, Drainage, and Utility Improvements project is currently in construction which includes extension of sanitary sewer and the reconstruction of the alley between Upper 33th Street and 36th Street. Alterations to the geometric layout for the alley were requested by the library board. Several meetings and layout options were prepared to address this request resulting in the proposed Option 2 Reduced Width Pedestrian Crossing. The alley is realigned to provide additional separation from the alley centerline to the rear of the library building, the alley centerline profile has been adjusted to lessen the vertical grade separation between the alley and the library first floor elevation, and a reduced width pedestrian crossing has been added to facilitate pedestrian movements between the library rear door and parking lot area.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is recommending that the City Council approve the revised alley plan to address pedestrian access to the library for the Phase 1 Downtown Street, Drainage, and Utility Improvements. The recommended motion for the action is as follows:

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Alley Option 2 Concept Plan – Reduced Width Pedestrian Crossing.