


OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-037
JANUARY 22, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	PREPARED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
SKYWALK AGREEMENTS WITH USA GSA, CIVIC CENTER, AND POLK COUNTY	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAMES A. THOMPSON TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR	 ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

The design for the skywalk bridges and skywalk corridor connecting the Plaza Condominiums, the Federal Building, the Civic Center, the 3rd and Court Parking Garage, and the Polk County Administration Building have been completed, and Council authorized the construction of the skywalk connections on December 18, 1995. Bids are to be received on January 30, 1996. Through a process of negotiations, private funding issues have been resolved, and the Skywalk Agreements have been put in final form for approval by the Council.

The Skywalk Agreement with the Federal General Services Administration is consistent with the August 15, 1994, Memorandum of Agreement with the City to pay for the design and construction of the skywalk bridges and General Services Administration reimbursing the City for the design of the skywalk corridor and the construction of the skywalk bridge extensions and the skywalk corridor. General Services Administration is bound by the standard regulations regarding the operation and maintenance of the system, including system hours.

The Skywalk Agreement with the Civic Center is a standard Skywalk Agreement with the City responsible for the design of the skywalk connections and the cost of construction of the skywalk bridge. The Civic Center is responsible for the construction cost for the vertical access facility that is being constructed at their property as a part of the project.

The Skywalk Agreement with Polk County is a standard Skywalk Agreement with the City responsible for the design of the skywalk bridge and the cost of construction of the skywalk bridge. Polk County is responsible for the design and construction of the corridor within their building and is responsible for the cost of construction of the skywalk bridge extension. Polk County has requested and the Skywalk Commission has agreed to a reduction in hours of operation of the Skywalk Bridge 1C-2C to coincide with the hours of operation of their Administration Building.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Funds for design and construction of the skywalk connection to the Federal Building, the Civic Center, and the Polk County Administration Building are contained in the 1995-96/2000-01 CIP, page 259, Downtown Skywalk System, Account 389445.

RECOMMENDATION —

It is recommended that the Skywalk Agreements and limited skywalk easements with the United States of America General Services Administration, the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines, and the Polk County Board of Supervisors be approved.

BACKGROUND —

Negotiations on the skywalk agreements to connect these facilities have been delayed since 1988 for various reasons. On August 15, 1994, by Roll Call No. 94-3223, Council approved a Memorandum of Agreement with United States of America General Services Administration, for the design and construction of Skywalk Bridges 2C-3C and 2C-2D and the related Federal Building skywalk corridors. On that same date, by Roll Call No. 94-3224, Council authorized a Professional Services Agreement with Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck for design of the Federal Building Skywalk Bridges and related corridors.

On May 3, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-1734, Council entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Brooks Borg and Skiles for the design of Skywalk Bridge 1C-2C across 2nd Avenue between the Polk County Administration Building and the 3rd and Court Parking Garage.

On May 17, 1995, the Skywalk Commission approved the special provisions and the standard Skywalk Agreements with the Federal General Services Administration, the Civic Center, and the Polk County Board of Supervisors. Since that time negotiations on certain private funding issues have been ongoing. These issues have now been resolved and the Skywalk Agreements have been put in final form for approval by the Des Moines City Council.