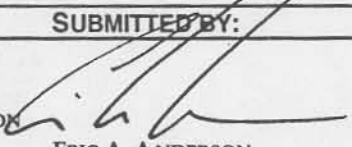


**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-038
JANUARY 22, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	PREPARED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
FIRST AMENDMENT TO SKYWALK AGREEMENT WITH THE GRAHAM GROUP, INC. AND EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF IOWA	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAMES A. THOMPSON TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR	 ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

An amendment to the Skywalk Agreement with The Graham Group, Inc., and Equitable of Iowa has been negotiated to allow them to design and construct Skywalk Bridge 8E-9E over 9th Street connecting the proposed Equitable of Iowa office building and the 9th and Locust Parking Garage. This would be beneficial to the City and to The Graham Group from the standpoint of cost savings and from the standpoint of coordination of the design and construction of the skywalk bridge with the design and construction of the new office building. The terms of the agreement provide for the City to pay the normal City costs for design and construction up to maximum costs of \$62,525 for design, \$17,235 for inspection services, and \$396,904 for construction.

These costs are based upon the average skywalk bridge design and construction to date and are the same that were allowed Employers Mutual as a part of their agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Funds for the design and construction of the skywalk connection over 9th Street connecting the 9th and Locust Parking Garage and the proposed Equitable of Iowa office building are contained in the 1995-96/2000-01 CIP on page 259, Downtown Skywalk System, Account 389445.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the First Amendment to the Skywalk Agreement with The Graham Group, Inc. and Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa.

BACKGROUND —

On October 2, 1995, by Roll Call No. 95-3804, Council approved a Skywalk Agreement with The Graham Group, Inc. and Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa for Skywalk Bridge 8E-9E over 9th Street connecting the 9th and Locust Parking Garage to the proposed Equitable of Iowa office building. The Graham Group, Inc. has indicated a desire and a willingness to undertake the design and construction of the skywalk bridge.

This method of skywalk construction has been accomplished many times during the development of the system to date—most recently with the Employers Mutual project.

At their January 17, 1996, meeting, the Skywalk Commission approved the First Amendment to the Skywalk Agreement with The Graham Group, Inc. and Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa and directed that the agreement be submitted to the City Council for final approval.