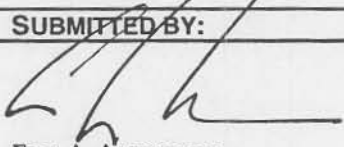


**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-042
JANUARY 22, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	PREPARED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
SECOND AVENUE OVERPASS— NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JIM GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	 ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

Since the Historic Commission meeting of December 20, 1995, City staff has identified significant alterations to the Second Avenue Overpass which were associated with the bridge's widening in 1985. Based on this information, the Historic District Commission reconsidered the nomination of the overpass at its January 17, 1996 meeting and voted to reverse its earlier recommendation to place it on the National Register of Historic Places.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the recommendation that the Second Avenue Overpass is ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

BACKGROUND —

In 1994, the Iowa Department of Transportation hired a consultant to prepare the nomination forms to list over 200 historically and architecturally significant bridges located throughout Iowa on the National Register of Historic Places. The Second Avenue Overpass was among these nominations. On December 10, 1995 the State Historical Society of Iowa notified City staff that the State Nominations Review Committee would consider the Second Avenue Overpass for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places during its February 9, 1996 meeting.

The nomination process includes a required 60-day period in which the City has the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. The City of Des Moines' Historic District Commission reviewed the nomination of the Second Avenue Overpass at its December 20, 1995 meeting. By a vote of 4-0 the Commission recommended that the bridge be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

This action will reverse that recommendation based on a 6-0 vote of the Historic District Commission at its January 17, 1996 meeting.