

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-254
JUNE 17, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
CAPITOL PARK TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAMES GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

The City Council has approved the work program for CDBG funding for the Capitol Park Traffic Safety Study. The City has requested and received proposals from consultants to complete the study. After reviewing the proposals, a team of City staff and representatives from the Capitol Park Neighborhood recommend the hiring of Stanley Consultants.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Funds for this study are available from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as approved by the City Council on November 20, 1995.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the contract.

BACKGROUND —

The Capitol Park Neighborhood is a designated neighborhood under the City Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The action plan developed by the neighborhood association with assistance from City staff contains specific goals which address the need for traffic safety in the neighborhood. As a result, the Capitol Park Neighborhood Association along with the City Community Development Department requested \$35,000 in 1996 CDBG funding to hire a consultant to prepare a traffic safety study for the Project Area in Capitol Park. The intent of this study would be to develop specific recommendations to alleviate problems identified by the citizens of the neighborhood.

On February 5, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-427, the City Council approved the Project Work Program and Terms and Conditions for CDBG Funding. City staff then proceeded in releasing a Request For Proposals on March 4, 1996. The City Engineering Department received proposals from the following consulting firms prior to the March 22, 1996, deadline:

Engineering Resource Group, Inc. (Des Moines)
Kirkham Michael & Associates (Urbandale Office)
Snyder & Associates, Inc. (Ankeny Office)
Stanley Consultants, Inc. (Des Moines Office)

A team made up of Floyd Bentz from Engineering, Gary Fox from Traffic and Transportation, and Erik Lundy from Community Development reviewed the proposals along with representation from the Capitol Park Neighborhood Association. It was the consensus of that team, based on established criteria, to recommend the hiring of Stanley Consultants to prepare the Capitol Park Traffic Safety Study.