



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**00-088**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

MARCH 6, 2000

**SUBJECT:**

ADDITION OF  
AIRPORT SKYWALK  
TO PROJECTS  
FUNDED BY  
AVIATION SYSTEM  
REVENUE BONDS,  
SERIES 1998

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

The plans and specifications for construction of the Airport parking garages included construction and installation of a second level skywalk from the Terminal Building to the north parking structure (East/West Skywalk). Additionally, the Airport Board has approved a second skywalk from the north garage to the south garage (North/South Skywalk). The original funding plan anticipated that the Airport Passenger Facility Charges (PFC's) would fund the skywalk portions of the project. Due to delays in completing the parking garages and refinements in the specifications for the East/West Skywalk, the cost of the skywalks will exceed the amount of PFC's approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Airport Board determined that the best funding source for these increased costs is unspent proceeds from the Airport Revenue Bonds sold, in part, to fund the parking garage. As part of the authorization for the issuance of the Aviation System Revenue Bonds, Council conducted the required public hearing on the projects to be funded from proceeds. Because the skywalk project was anticipated to be funded from PFC's, that project was not included on the list of projects designated with the original public hearing.

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**FISCAL IMPACT -**

There is no fiscal impact on the City's General Fund. Originally, this project element was to be funded from Airport PFC's. Costs associated with the skywalk up to the amount approved by the FAA (\$1,050,000) will be funded by PFC's. Costs in excess of that amount are proposed to be funded by unspent proceeds that remain from the Aviation System Revenue Bonds, Series 1998. The amount of bond proceeds to be transferred to the Skywalk project is \$420,000.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

Approval.

#### BACKGROUND -

On February 3, 1998, by Resolution No. A98-22, the Airport Board recommended City Council approve the issuance of Airport Revenue Bonds to fund certain improvements at the Airport. On March 20, 1998, by Resolution No. A98-95, the Airport Board recommended approval of the form and content of the preliminary Official Statement, Bond Resolution, and Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the Aviation System Revenue Bonds, Series 1998. On April 20, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-1228, City Council authorized the issuance of the Aviation System Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$42,670,000. In order to allow the project to proceed in a timely manner, Council is requested to approve the addition of the Skywalk project to eligible projects under the referenced bond issue and conduct the required public hearing. Under federal law, this type of public hearing requires fifteen days notice. If construction of the skywalk can begin by early spring, completion is anticipated by late fall 2000.

The Airport Board, by telephone poll, has recommended that City Council act favorably on this item. Formal ratification of the Board's phone poll action will be taken at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2000.







