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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

01-208

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

APRIL 23, 2001

The Public Works Department has prepared a report on the recent record-setting winter and related snow and ice control operations. The National Weather Service reports that a record was set for the continuous number of days with one inch or more of snow cover on the ground, which was 99 days. In addition to reporting on the number of snow and ice control events, the Public Works Department has summarized restoration activities. Additionally, Public Works has completed a self-evaluation of snow and ice control operations and has made several recommendations in the attached Snow and Ice Report - Winter '00-01'.

SUBJECT:

SNOW AND ICE
CONTROL REPORT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBMITTED BY:

Funding for snow and ice control operations is provided for in the Public Works Department's Street Maintenance Operating Budget.

WILLIAM STOWE
PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION -

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND -

The Public Works Department is the lead agency in snow and ice control operations. The department uses a variety of materials, specialized equipment, and existing personnel to perform snow and ice control operations. In accordance with the City's existing snow and ice control policy, the department first clears the City's 200 miles (600 lane miles) of arterial roadways and when four inches or more of snow are received, department personnel clean the City's 600 miles (1,220 lane miles) of residential streets.

Several new processes were implemented this year to facilitate snow and ice control operations including a lower cost pretreatment

product referred to as "salt brine", the plowing of snow to medians where possible to provide relief to abutting property owners, increased sidewalk snow enforcement to accommodate pedestrian traffic, and improved coordination with the Police Department on removing vehicles parked on the City's snow routes and on residential streets when required.

The Public Works Department has evaluated the impact of the new process and has developed the attached snow and ice control report delineating the results of this evaluation along with recommendations for next year

On April 9, 2001, Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency received approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2001 capital fund program grant and has been requested to execute the grant agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The grant agreement has been increased from the requested amount of \$1,573,727 to \$1,605,100. The budget amendment will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development along with the grant agreement.
