

Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

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

01-273

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Council authorization to proceed is requested for the following projects:

MAY 21, 2001

SUBJECT:

- 1) E. University Avenue at Avenue F.M. Hubbell - Median Island Modification
- 2) Merle Hay Road Widening at University Avenue

2001-2002 CIP
AUTHORIZATION
TO PROCEED ON
VARIOUS PROJECTS

FISCAL IMPACT -

Total cost for these projects is estimated to be \$160,000.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY ENGINEER

On March 2, 2001 by Roll Call 01-643, the City Council adopted the 2001-2002/2006-2007 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Operating Budgets. Staff hereby requests Council authorization to proceed with the following projects:

- 1) E. University Avenue at Avenue F.M. Hubbell - Median Island Modification - page STR-20 in the 2001-2002 Capital Improvements Program - \$150,000 estimated cost

This project provides for replacing the existing traffic medians at E. University Avenue at Avenue F.M. Hubbell with new medians, incorporating paving brick and limited landscaping to create a distinctive gateway to Des Moines's east side and to encourage further revitalization along this corridor. The project has been spearheaded by a coalition of east side neighborhood and business leaders. Phase 1 includes the medians on Avenue F.M. Hubbell and

on E. University Avenue east of Avenue F.M. Hubbell.

2) Merle Hay Road Widening at University Avenue - page STR-39 in the 2001-2002 Capital Improvements Program - \$10,000 (design cost only)

This project, which will be designed by City staff, provides for a southbound right-turn lane on Merle Hay Road at University Avenue. The addition of this turn lane for southbound traffic is being planned as an attempt to reduce traffic on Cummins Parkway.
