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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

01-411

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

AUGUST 6, 2001

Authorization is requested to begin the process to establish the 2002 Sidewalk Program.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

AUTHORIZATION
TO PROCEED ON
THE 2002
SIDEWALK
PROGRAM

Funding for the preliminary work on this project is contained in the adopted 2001-02 Capital Improvements Program. The funding for construction will be included in the proposed 2002-03 CIP budget to be presented to City Council at a later date.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Authorize the City Manager to proceed with the 2002 Sidewalk Program process.

SUBMITTED BY:

On March 2, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-643, the City Council adopted the 2001-2002/2006-2007 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Authorization is now needed to proceed with the following Capital Improvements Project:

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

2002 Sidewalk Program - School Routes and Priority Sidewalks, page SID-5 in the CIP, \$5,000 estimated cost for preliminary planning and design.

Two streets are to be considered at this time:

SE 8th Street - East Miller Avenue to East Watrous Avenue (west side of street)

SE 14th Street - East Thornton Avenue to East McKinley Avenue (west side of street)

If additional petitions requesting sidewalks are received by City Council, they will be added to the recommended program for Council consideration if there are sufficient funds and time for preliminary survey and design before the project must be bid.

It is recommended the following procedure be used to establish the 2002 Sidewalk Program as follows:

1. Council authorization to proceed with preliminary work.
2. Informational Mailing. Upon Council approval of the tentative program, each assessed property owner will receive a mailing from the City Engineer. The mailing will contain general information about the sidewalk project and each owner's estimated assessment.
3. Informal Council Hearings. Notice will be given to all affected property owners so that they may have the opportunity to express their views before the expense of right-of-way acquisition and the preparation of final plans is incurred.
4. Decision to Proceed with Preparation of Design Plans and Specifications. At the Informal Council Hearing, the City Council should decide whether any sidewalks should be deleted from the program and then direct the City Engineer to prepare final plans on all remaining sidewalks.
5. Adoption of Resolution of Necessity. The Resolution of Necessity will be presented to Council shortly after Informal Hearings are held.

Since the proposed sidewalks are not on a designated school route, Council policy requires that the full cost of the sidewalk would be assessed to abutting property owners.
