

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**02-406**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**  
  
AUGUST 5, 2002

The Public Library of Des Moines (PLDM) Building Committee approved the schematic design for the new Central Library on July 26, 2002, and recommended that the plan be forwarded to the various boards.

**SUBJECT:**

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

SCHEMATIC  
DESIGN FOR NEW  
CENTRAL LIBRARY

The new Central Library is part of the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

**TYPE:**

**RECOMMENDATION -**

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
**RECEIVE/FILE**

**Receive, file, and refer to the Gateway Steering Committee, Urban Development Board, Architectural Advisory Committee, and Plan and Zoning Commission for review and comment.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**BACKGROUND -**

KAY RUNGE  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

November 4, 1997	The PLDM Board approved hiring Providence Associates to conduct a facilities needs assessment, develop a long-term PLDM facilities plan, and a building program for the Central Library and for the branch libraries.
July 1998	The City's Major Projects Task Force recognized the need for a new library and the PLDM was included in their recommendation.

October 10, 2000	The Western Gateway Use and Design Plan was presented to the PLDM Board. The theme of the Gateway project is "Lifelong Learning," and the new Central Library was to be a key part of the plan. The PLDM Board voted to accept the plan as presented.
January 22, 2001	The City Council approved the library's Ten-Year Facilities Plan.
October 31, 2001	The PLDM Board voted to approve the contracts for David Chipperfield Architect and the Weitz Company.

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