

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-045

AGENDA:

JANUARY 27, 2003

SUBJECT:

SKYWALK BRIDGES
7C-8C, 8B-8C AND
NEW SKYWALK
CORRIDORS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
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SYNOPSIS —

Wells Fargo Financial, Inc. (Wells Fargo) has completed construction of Skywalk Bridges 7C-8C over 8th Street and 8B-8C over Mulberry Street and the skywalk corridors within their building in accordance to the Skywalk Agreement between Wells Fargo and the City.

Employers Mutual Casualty Company (EMC), Hubbell Realty Company (Hubbell) and the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) have completed construction of skywalk corridors on their properties in accordance with the individual Skywalk Agreements between these parties and the City.

City Council acceptance of the skywalk bridges and corridors will transfer ownership of the bridges to the City, dedicate the bridges and corridors to the Skywalk System, will make the corridor easements on private property enforceable, and open the corridors to the public as specified in the Skywalk Agreements.

Acceptance of Skywalk Bridges 8C-9C over 9th Street between Wells Fargo and Hubbell and 9C-9D over Walnut Street between Hubbell and FHLB will occur when the construction contracts are closed out. Staff anticipates that this may occur as early as the February 10, 2003 Council meeting.

Staff is currently working with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company to accept the skywalk bridges and corridors being constructed in the Allied Gateway Campus. It is anticipated that acceptance of these bridges and corridors may occur as early as the February 10, 2003 Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT —

There is no fiscal impact to the City for construction of the skywalk corridors. Payment to Wells Fargo for construction of Skywalk Bridges 7C-8C and 8B-8C was previously authorized by Roll Call 02-178 on January 28, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION —

Acceptance of Skywalk Bridges 7C-8C, 8B-8C, and skywalk

corridors in Employers Mutual Casualty Company Building, Wells Fargo Financial Building, Hubbell Property and the Federal Home Loan Bank Property.

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BACKGROUND —

On November 20, 2000 by Roll Call 00-4401 the City Council approved a Skywalk Agreement with Wells Fargo. Under this Agreement Wells Fargo was required to design and construct Skywalk Bridges 7C-8C and 8B-8C and skywalk corridors within their buildings. On January 28, 2002 by Roll Call 02-178 the City Council approved the design and authorized construction and payment on the bridges.

On December 16, 1996 by Roll Call 96-4188 the City Council approved a Skywalk Agreement with EMC. On March 26, 2001 by Roll Call 01-916 the City Council approved a Skywalk Agreement with Hubbell. On March 28, 2001 by Roll Call 01-926 the City Council approved a Skywalk Agreement with FHLB. The agreements required the respective property owners to construct skywalk corridors and specified the easements for those corridors. The easements were anticipated in the Skywalk Agreements and require City Council acceptance of the corridors to make the easements enforceable and open to the public.

