CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

03-535

AGENDA:

NOVEMBER 17, 2003

SUBJECT:

CHANGE ORDER NO. 5—15TH/16TH STREETS CONNECTOR

TYPE:

RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

JEB E. BREWER, P.E. CITY ENGINEER

ITEM

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

A change order has been negotiated with The Underground Co. Ltd. (Duane Burkhardt, President, 2407 SW Ninth Street, Des Moines, IA 50315) in an amount not to exceed \$18,300 to lower the top of an existing areaway at 1440 Walnut Street to allow construction of new sidewalk on the southeast corner of 15th and Walnut Streets.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Funding for this change order is available from Capital Improvement Program Index Code 484345, Account 543060, Fund CP038, Organization ENG990000, Project STR191 – Fifteenth Street Corridor Improvements.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

While removing the existing sidewalk on the southeast corner of 15th and Walnut Streets, a building areaway was encountered. The elevation of the top of the areaway structure will not allow for a sidewalk to be constructed at the required elevation. The City retained Shuck Britson Consulting Engineers to determine if the areaway could be removed. The consultant determined that due to the unique design of the existing structure it is more feasible to lower the top of the areaway rather than to remove it. Shuck Britson has provided the City with a design to lower the top of the areaway.