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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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Roll Call

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### SUBJECT—

Authorization to proceed with federal levee improvements consisting of four (4) closures in the levee system.

### SYNOPSIS—

This action grants authorization to proceed with federal levee improvements (closures in the levee system). Improvements include design and commencement of right-of-way determination and acquisition in accordance with City Council policy at four (4) locations within in the downtown area along the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

Funding for this project is included in the 2004-2005 Storm Sewer Improvements (CIP) – Flood Protection System Improvements, Page SSI-13; Fund EN304; Organization PWK990000; Project FLD008; Activity ID: 04-2005-002, in the amount of \$150,000.

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

**BACKGROUND—**

Several railroad lines along the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers in the downtown area have been abandoned recently. These railroad lines cross through the federal levee system. During times of high water levels, Public Works crews are required to place temporary closures at the crossings to fortify the line of protection and prevent flooding in the downtown area.

This project will design permanent earthen closures at these levee openings. This will allow Public Works crews to attend to other activities during emergency flood operations.