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### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SUBJECT—

Refer to the Plan and Zoning Commission the proposal to close Water Street (formerly SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street) Bridge over the Raccoon River to vehicular traffic.

### SYNOPSIS—

It is recommended that the Plan and Zoning Commission initiate the process to provide for public input from owners and businesses impacted by the vehicular closing. Portion of Water Street (formerly SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street) Bridge proposed to be closed to vehicular traffic would be used for trail purposes. The bridge and roadway would still be available for use by emergency vehicles.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

It is anticipated that any associated costs with changing this bridge to strictly recreational trail use would be funded by private sources.

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

**BACKGROUND—**

The Riverpoint Trail, which will connect Gray's Lake to the Principal Riverwalk, is near completion. A concept has been discussed to provide a secondary trail connection that would run on the south side of the Raccoon River from the SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street bridge east to SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street. If the City accepts this project, the connection to the Principal Riverwalk would be across the SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street bridge. The closure of this bridge to vehicular traffic ought to be considered, and this action is to recommend that the process of public review on this concept be initiated.