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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SUBJECT—

Authorization to Proceed and Authorization to Acquire Right-of-Way for the S.E. 5th Street and McKinley Avenue Intersection Improvements.

SYNOPSIS-

Council authorization to proceed with design work and authorization to acquire right-of-way is being requested for the S.E. 5th Street and McKinley Avenue Intersection Improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Funding for the design and right-of-way acquisition work on this project is included in the adopted 2004-05 Capital Improvements Program. The funding for construction will be included in the proposed 2005-06 CIP budget, Index Code 486449, Fund CP038, Organization ENG990000, Project STR212 – McKinley Avenue Widening – S.W. 31st Street to S.E. 14th Street.

RECOMMENDATION— Approval

BACKGROUND—

On October 11, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-2157, City Council approved the McKinley Avenue Corridor Study. The study looked at existing conditions, analyzed the projected traffic, obtained public input, and made recommendations regarding number of lanes, intersection improvements, sidewalks, and drainage between Fleur Drive and E. Indianola Avenue. Through the public input process, area residents advised that they wanted to retain the residential neighborhood character and were opposed to improving the entire length of the corridor with a three- or four-lane section due to width of right-of-way required and overall travel speed. The final recommendation includes a combination of two- and three-lane sections. There are six proposed segments that can be constructed in phases. The intersection of S.E. 5th Street and McKinley Avenue was identified as the highest priority project during the corridor study. The proposed improvements to this intersection include reconstructing McKinley Avenue to a three-lane section to provide left-turn lanes at S.E. 5th Street and widening S.E. 5th Street to provide left-turn lanes at McKinley Avenue. Construction of the improvement is scheduled for 2007.