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Agenda Item No. **6D**
Roll Call No. **10-**
Communication No. **10-225**
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: 2010 ADA Sidewalk Ramp Program - Receiving bids, (5-11-10), and Setting date of hearing, (5-24-10). (Construction Estimate - \$199,275).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project provides for the installation of new sidewalk ramps where required and the reconstruction of existing sidewalk ramps to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The ramps will be constructed throughout the City at the highest priority locations included in the Phase III (Curb Ramps) Transition Plan approved by the City Council by Roll Call No. 09-2124 on November 23, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$199,275 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2010-2011 CIP, Page Street-11, City Sidewalks - ADA Compliance, SID095, G. O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 recognizes and protects the civil rights of people with disabilities. It covers a wide range of disability, from physical conditions affecting mobility, stamina, sight, hearing, and speech to conditions such as emotional illness and learning disorders. The ADA addresses access for three specific areas: 1) the workplace (Title I); 2) state and local government services (Title II); and 3) places of public accommodation and commercial facilities (Title III).

The Phase III Curb Ramp Transition Plan includes the inventory and evaluation of intersection curb ramps within the City, and prioritizes and coordinates the repair and replacement of these sidewalks with the various City Departments involved in the construction and reconstruction activities. This Phase III Plan was presented to the AAB to establish a priority for the replacement and repair of the curb ramps for incorporation into the transition plan in compliance with ADA Guidelines. The AAB approved the Phase III Plan on October 21, 2009. On November 23, 2009, under Roll Call No. 09-2124, the City Council approved the Phase III Transition Plan that involves the repair of existing curb ramps and the construction of new curb cut ramps in sidewalks throughout the City and directed staff to proceed with the established priorities as funding became available.

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the 2010 ADA Sidewalk Ramp Program, 09-2010-001. The improvements includes construction of sidewalk ramps with Portland cement concrete sidewalk four (4) inches, six (6) inches or eight (8) inches thick, together with all necessary appurtenances; in accordance with the contract documents, at various locations determined by the "Americans with Disabilities Act, City of Des Moines, Iowa, Transition Plan, For Curb Ramps" throughout the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$199,275. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the City Engineer's Office.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 23, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-2124

Action: Phase III (Curb Ramps) of the ADA Transition Plan. (Council Communication No. 09-812)
Moved by Coleman to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): Access Advisory Board

Date: October 21, 2009

Action: Approved the Phase III Transition Plan Curb Ramps as presented

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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