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SUBJECT—

Authorization to Proceed on the 2004-05 Sidewalk Program

SYNOPSIS—

It is necessary to begin the process to establish the 2004-05 Sidewalk Program.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Funding for this project is included in the adopted 2004-05 Capital Improvements Program, Fund CP038, Organization ENG990000, Project STR081 – School Routes and Priority Sidewalks.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

On October 20, 2003, by Roll Call No. 03-2430, the City Council received, filed, and referred to the City Manager a petition requesting sidewalks on the west side of S.W. 15th Street from Geil Avenue to Havens Avenue. On November 3, 2003, by Roll Call No. 03-2503, the City Council received, filed, and referred to the City Manager a request from Council Member Archie Brooks

to install sidewalks on the north side of McKinley Avenue from Fleur Drive to the existing sidewalk. On March 1, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-447, the City Council approved and adopted the 2004-05 Capital Improvements Program. Council authorization to proceed with preliminary planning and design for installation of sidewalks on these two streets is requested at this time.

It is recommended the following procedure be used to establish the 2004-05 Sidewalk Program as follows:

1. Council authorization to proceed with preliminary work.
2. Informational Mailing. Upon Council approval of the tentative program, each assessed property owner will receive a mailing from the City Engineer. The mailing will contain general information about the sidewalk project and each owner's estimated assessment.
3. Informal Council Hearings. Notice will be given to all affected property owners so that they may have the opportunity to express their views before the expense of right-of-way acquisition and the preparation of final plans is incurred.
4. Decision to Proceed with Preparation of Design Plans and Specifications. At the Informal Council Hearing, the City Council should decide whether any sidewalks should be deleted from the program and then direct the City Engineer to prepare final plans on all remaining sidewalks.
5. Adoption of Resolution of Necessity. The Resolution of Necessity will be presented to Council shortly after Informal Hearings are held.

The proposed sidewalk on McKinley Avenue is not on a designated school route. Council policy requires that the full cost of the sidewalk be assessed to abutting property owners. The proposed sidewalk on S.W. 15th Street is on a designated school route, and in accordance with Council policy, fifty percent of the cost of the sidewalk will be assessed to abutting property owners.