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#### **SUBJECT—**

Status Report on the Solid Waste Management Program

#### **SYNOPSIS—**

In April 2001, the Public Works Department implemented a pilot automated solid waste collection program in Des Moines. The program was expanded in July 2002, and approved for full implementation in April 2003. Following the procurement of carts, trucks, and cart lifters, the Public Works Department has now completed implementation of automated solid waste collection. Attached to the Roll Call for this agenda item is a status report on the City's solid waste management program.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

Funding for solid waste operations is provided for in the Solid Waste Enterprise Account.

#### **RECOMMENDATION—**

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#### **BACKGROUND—**

The City has been providing solid waste collection services for 28 years. Following is the schedule of significant operational changes implemented:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Operational Change</u>
1976	City in-sourced solid waste collection
1981	Backyard changed to curbside collection
1989	Leaf and yard debris collected separately
1995	Recyclables collected
2001	Pilot program automated collection
2002	Expanded automated solid waste collection
2003	Fully automated/semi-automated solid waste collection
2004	Fully automated solid waste collection