

RE: MOTORIZED CONVEYANCES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS
(Item 9, Manager's Report No. 48, 1985 July 15)

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1985 September 03

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: MOTORIZED CONVEYANCES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS
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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for the information of Council.

REPORT:

Arising out of its consideration of the above-mentioned report, Council requested further information on the policy and cost aspects of providing wheelchair drops.

The present policy for the installation of wheelchair drops is that they be installed at the following locations and under the following conditions:

1. On all streets in commercial, industrial and recreational-zoned areas.
2. Wheelchair drops will be installed in these areas only during the construction or reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks.
3. Exceptions to 1 & 2 are reserved for locations where a wheelchair drop was felt to be hazardous, e.g.: across multi-lane arterials without signal control, areas of steep grades, and like hazardous conditions.

In addition, Council in 1981 approved of an extension to the policy in the form of providing drops in existing curbs and sidewalks where there was proven need for them. The policy extension has worked out well, with the need having been usually brought to our attention by individuals who were confined to wheelchairs. *The initial Work Order in the amount of \$10,500 has now been spent and your Director Engineering is requesting approval of a new Work Order in the amount of \$15,000 to continue to respond to the proven needs of the handicapped. Funds are available in the Traffic Management Item in the Capital Budget (60-14).

The average cost of a wheelchair drop is approximately \$450 although the range in cost can be anywhere from about \$300 to about \$600.

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* Please see Report Item #2 on page 102 for additional information on this work order.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING