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**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** September 14, 2009  
**To:** Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways and Means Budget Committee  
**Subject:** Storm Related Sidewalk Repairs

**Recommendation:**

1. Increase Public Works, Sidewalk budget 04100 9010939, project number SWK09005 by \$65,000.00 for replacement of sidewalk damaged by the 8-19-2009 storms.
2. Reduce General Fund contingency appropriation, 0100 1230100 by \$65,000.00.
3. Increase the contract amount of \$1,151,630.00 to Concrete Idea, Inc (C-26690) by \$65,000.00 to \$1,216,630.00.

**Previous Directives:**

Passage of a Resolution accepting bids: (OP #7060 low bids of Standard Sidewalk, Inc., and Concrete Idea Inc., for the construction of sidewalks, alleys, driveways, curbs and gutters as needed through December 31, 2009 (Council meeting 02/20/2009), and passage of a Resolution Amending various Sidewalk contracts (Council meeting 06/16/2009).

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**Approved by:**

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**Presenters:** Michael D. Kennedy, P.E., Director of Transportation, Maintenance & Repair

**Financial Impact:**

**Background/Supporting Information**

On August 19, 2009 a tornado struck south Minneapolis resulting in considerable damage to private and public property. One element of the city's response to the storm was identification of sidewalks damaged by uprooted trees. Immediately after the storm, Public Works sidewalk inspectors walked the storm damaged areas and identified 72 properties with sidewalk damage.

The standard sidewalk replacement process involves inspection, condemnation, and replacement with the costs of the work being assessed to the property owner. Given the extraordinary circumstances caused by the tornado, it is the department's recommendation that the sidewalk replacement work associated with the storm not be assessed to the property owner and instead be paid for by General Fund Contingency. This recommendation is also supported by the multidepartment work group that was formed to coordinate the city's response to the storm.