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**INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS, LEASES, AND EASEMENTS**

**Action Requested:** Consider recommending to the Board approval of one easement for the benefit of the University of Iowa, subject to approval of the final documents by the Board Office and Attorney General's Office.

**Executive Summary:** Iowa Code §262.11 requires that certain agreements, leases, and easements be approved by the Board of Regents.

University of Iowa with the Board as Owner for the following easement:

**City of Iowa City**

The University of Iowa requests permission to grant a utility and right-of-way easement to the City of Iowa City to facilitate a City road widening and improvement project on Riverside Drive, an important gateway into the University campus.

The City's road widening and improvement project would widen Riverside Drive, create a new intersection at Myrtle Avenue with additional traffic signals, and create new pedestrian trails and sidewalks along Riverside Drive.

Components of the easement include:

1. Utility

A standard 10-foot storm sewer easement running 97 feet east from the east edge of Riverside Drive to the Iowa River. This would allow the City to construct necessary storm sewer drainage improvements to Riverside Drive as part of their project. The City would relocate and replace at its own cost two parking spaces impacted by their project.

2. Right-of-way

A right-of-way easement runs over two small portions of University land totaling 1,652 square feet and is needed by the City to facilitate their project.

Granting this utility and right-of-way easement is a public benefit and would enhance pedestrian and vehicle traffic flow into campus for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

The easement document is the University's standard utility easement form and specifies that the City of Iowa City would indemnify and hold harmless the Board of Regents, the University of Iowa, the State of Iowa, and their employees, agents, and guests from the negligence of the City in constructing and maintaining these easement areas.

No consideration would be paid by the City to the University.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  
City of Iowa City Easement Map

