

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication

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Agenda Item: Square Streetscape Sidewalk Discussion

Discussion: The existing sidewalk around the square is largely plain concrete with colored and stamped concrete in the intersection radius areas except for the section between Business 24 and Ford Lane, which is all colored and stamped concrete.

The City Council recently gave staff direction to apply for the Rebuild Downtowns and Main Streets (RDMS) grant. The project that is being submitted is the northern section of the downtown square. The attached Concept Plan that was created by Hutchison Engineering calls for all sidewalk to be Scored Concrete. This would be plain grey concrete, but would have extra joints cut in to help beautify the project.

When Business 24 is reconstructed, IDOT will likely specify plain jointed concrete. The City may be able to have stamped and colored concrete put on that project, but it would likely not be paid for with state funds and instead would be paid for with city funds.

The concrete contractor for the brewpub project recently asked City staff about the style of concrete to place back when they remove and replace the sidewalk around the building. They questioned if it 1) should all be colored and stamped; 2) just the radius area be colored and stamped; 3) or if it should be scored concrete like the streetscape plan shows.

Fiscal Impact: The plain concrete is regularly under \$10 per square foot while the stamped and colored concrete is upwards of \$40 per square foot. The cost estimate for the RDMS grant assumes the use of scored concrete.

Action Requested: Staff requests discussion on whether Council wants scored concrete sidewalk as shown in the Hutchison Concept Plan or if the plan should be adjusted to match closer to what is out there today.

