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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 22, 2001

SUBJECT:

CHAPTER 28E
AGREEMENT FOR
URBAN DESIGN
STANDARDS AND
STANDARD
SPECIFICATIONS

SYNOPSIS -

A Chapter 28E Intergovernmental Agreement has been proposed between the City of Des Moines and 33 other governmental jurisdictions, primarily within the central Iowa area. This Chapter 28E Agreement provides for further updating and development of the Urban Design Standards Manual and the Urban Standard Specifications for Public Improvements as documents to be utilized statewide for urban construction.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Cost participation for Des Moines in the future will be through the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval of this Chapter 28E Agreement.

SUBMITTED BY:

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BACKGROUND -

In February of 1990, 16 governmental entities joined to participate in the development of a Metropolitan Design Policy Standards Manual. Since that time, through various Chapter 28E Agreements, development of an Urban Standard Specifications for Public Improvements Manual has been added, and the group of governmental jurisdictions has been expanded to a total of 34.

Since the development of these manuals, several other communities in the state of Iowa have expressed interest in utilizing these manuals in their communities, and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has agreed to help develop these manuals on a state-wide basis through the Center of Transportation Research and Education (CTRE), Iowa State University. This Chapter 28E Agreement provides for assigning these manuals to CTRE so that they may

continue to update these manuals and develop them as documents to be used on a statewide basis for urban construction.

The cost to develop this manual in the future will be a joint effort between IDOT and the various MPOs and Regional Planning Affiliations (RPAs) throughout the state of Iowa.
