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SUBJECT—

Resolution to Seek Federal Funding in 2005 for Des Moines' Priority Projects

SYNOPSIS—

On the March 7, 2005 Council agenda is a roll call to authorize Council members and City staff to seek Federal funding in 2005 for Des Moines' priority projects. Projects include transportation, recreational enhancements, flood control, redevelopment, GIS and law enforcement. Ellen Walkowiak, City Office of Economic Development, is coordinating the activities related to this work.

FISCAL IMPACT—

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

During the past five years, the City of Des Moines has been extremely successful in obtaining more than \$30 million of Federal funding for its priority projects through the authorization, reauthorization and appropriations processes. In 2005, the City will seek Federal funding for the following projects.

TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL

<i>Project</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
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<i>SE Connector/Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway East</i>	<i>Extend the highway across the Des Moines River to U.S. Highway 69; prepare the EIS and initiate design, right-of-way acquisition and utility upgrades from SE 14th Street to the Vandalia Road interchange at U.S. Highway 65</i>	<i>\$36.74 million</i>
<i>Interstate-235 Reconstruction</i>	<i>Complete major reconstruction of Interstate-235</i>	<i>\$65 million</i>
<i>Des Moines (Principal) Riverwalk</i>	<i>Install recreational enhancements along the Des Moines River</i>	<i>\$5 million</i>

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA) AUTHORIZATION BILL

<i>Project</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
<i>Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Flood Protection Design and Construction</i>	<i>Continue pre-construction engineering and design and initiate construction</i>	<i>\$6.5 million</i>

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

<i>Project</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
<i>SE Connector/Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway East</i>	<i>Extend the highway across the Des Moines River to U.S. Highway 69; prepare the EIS and initiate design, right-of-way acquisition and utility upgrades from SE 14th Street to the Vandalia Road interchange at U.S. Highway 65</i>	<i>\$12.9 million</i>
<i>Interstate-235 Reconstruction</i>	<i>Complete major reconstruction of Interstate-235</i>	<i>\$14 million</i>
<i>Neighborhood Flood Protection Improvements</i>	<i>Complete construction of three storm sewer outlets, ancillary sanitary sewer improvements, and storm sewer longitudinal and outlet capacity enhancements</i>	<i>\$7 million</i>

ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

<i>Project</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
<i>Des Moines (Principal) Riverwalk</i>	<i>Complete design/continue construction of recreational enhancements along the Des Moines River</i>	<i>\$1 million</i>
<i>Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Flood Protection Design and Construction</i>	<i>Continue pre-construction engineering and design and initiate construction activities, including contract preparation and preliminary right-of-way acquisition</i>	<i>\$450,000</i>

VA, HUD, IND. AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

<i>Project</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
<i>Drake University Stadium Flood Protection Improvements</i>	<i>Re-route existing storm sewer to eliminate both surface flooding and deconstructing portions of the athletic field</i>	<i>\$1 million</i>
<i>Agrimergent Technology Park</i>	<i>Land assemblage and site preparation</i>	<i>\$5 million</i>
<i>Riverpoint West</i>	<i>Land assemblage, site preparation and infrastructure</i>	<i>\$15.2 million</i>

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

<i>Project</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
<i>Regional Geographic Information and Wide Area Wireless System</i>	<i>Identify and describe critical infrastructure and develop a wide area wireless system</i>	<i>\$8 million</i>

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

<i>Project</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
<i>Emergency Service Interoperability System</i>	<i>Enhance radio interoperability, upgrade existing mobile data infrastructure and expand mobile data interoperability</i>	<i>\$5 million</i>

The U.S. House of Representatives is anticipated to take action on all Federal funding requests in spring/summer 2005, and the U.S. Senate to deliberate in fall 2005.

On March 2, 2005, Congressman Boswell announced that the full House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed H.R. 3, the TEA-21 Highway Reauthorization Bill. This legislation will provide \$284 billion in Federal funding over the next six years. It is expected to pass the full House during the week of March 7, 2005. Congressman Boswell was successful in obtaining \$7.5 million for the SE Connector/Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway East, \$6.5 million for Interstate-235 reconstruction and \$4 million for the Riverwalk projects. These funds are significant in revitalizing Des Moines.

It is essential to continue the partnership between the City and our Congressional delegation to seek funding for Des Moines' priority projects.