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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 32 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>10-1290</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>10-474</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Merrill Stanley, Deputy City Manager

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving an agreement with the Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) and the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) to provide security and maintenance services for the Walnut Street Transit Mall.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Approving a one-year agreement with the Downtown SSMID and DART to provide maintenance and security services to the Walnut Street Transit Mall. The agreement covers sidewalks and public spaces adjacent to Walnut Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Security services will be provided by the Downtown SSMID using a combination of private security, off-duty Des Moines police officers, and the Goodwill Ambassador program. Maintenance will be provided through the Downtown SSMID’s Block by Block and Goodwill Ambassador programs. Downtown SSMID’s cost for these services has increased to over \$50,000 per year, but they have agreed to accept \$40,000 for the coming year in an effort to maintain the current level of safety and cleanliness in this area of the downtown, while hoping that DART will be prepared to assist in a greater portion of the costs in future years. The full \$40,000 amount of this agreement is proposed to be paid from the City’s Park and Ride Fund.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$40,000

Funding Source: EN078, Park and Ride Fund, ENG100707, Park and Ride Operation, FY2011 Recommended Operating Budget page 93.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Operation Downtown, which oversees the Downtown SSMID, approved the agreement at their July 13, 2010 Board meeting. The DART Commission approved the agreement at their August 3, 2010 Commission meeting.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Date: September 23, 2002

Roll Call Number: 02-2367

Action: Joint Service Agreement with Metro Transit Authority, the Downtown Community Alliance, and the City regarding the maintenance of the Walnut Street Transit Mall. ([Council Communication No. 02-518](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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