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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	7
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<u>15-2038</u>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<u>15-637</u>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving agreement between the City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Des Moines for the coordination of funding, design and corridor preservation for the Southeast Connector.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of agreement between the City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Des Moines for the coordination of funding, design and corridor preservation for the Southeast Connector.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: This project will be completed in phases as federal, state and local matching funds become available. The following funds have been allocated by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

- 2015-16 CIP, Southeast Connector – SE 30<sup>th</sup> to U.S. 65, Page Street-36, ST256
- \$2,550,000 of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017
- \$1,032,000 of STP Funds in FY2018
- \$1,035,000 of STP Funds in FY2019

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Southeast Connector will provide the City a safe, efficient, and direct route from downtown to U.S. 65 on the southeast side of the metropolitan area and will help spur economic development along the corridor. This segment between S.E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street to U.S. 65 will significantly improve the transportation network in the southeast area of the City and facilitate the expansion of Kemin Industries. On May 27, 2010, the Federal Highway Administration signed the Record of Decision for the Southeast Connector from S.E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Highway U.S. 65.

The City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Des Moines will continue to work together to plan and construct the Southeast Connector. The proposed agreement formalizes the commitment to continue working together to promote the project, secure funding, and coordinate future construction. The design of the Southeast Connector will be according to the Record of Decision, Iowa Department of Transportation Standards for roadway design and applicable SUDAS Standard Specifications for Public Improvements. The agreement includes provisions to preserve and acquire right of way, if

necessary, within respective corporate limits to ensure the future ability to construct the Southeast Connector.

Future agreements will address construction of the project and include construction cost allocation and phasing.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: November 23, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1943](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Fund FY2020 applications to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). ([Council Communication No. 15-618](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) Southeast Connector – SE 30<sup>th</sup> Street to U.S. 65 Beltway.

Date: September 8, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1351](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for design services for the Southeast Connector – SE 30<sup>th</sup> Street to U.S. 65, not to exceed \$1,229,000. ([Council Communication No. 14-441](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Inclusion of project in future Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

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