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	Agenda Item No.	41E
	Roll Call No.	[_____]
	Communication No.	<u>18-480</u>
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving amendment to the PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan and adopting the MoveDSM Transportation Master Plan as an element.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of amendment to the PlanDSM and to adopt the MoveDSM Master Transportation Plan as an element of PlanDSM. When the plan or any modification or amendment receives the approval of the Council, the MoveDSM plan shall constitute the official City Transportation Master Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Future capital and operating investments needed for transportation elements.

Funding Source: To be determined.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- PlanDSM – Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council on April 25, 2016, under Roll Call No. 16-0717. PlanDSM specifically recognized the paramount linkage between land use and transportation planning to develop a sustainable community. The Implementation Chapter of PlanDSM recommended preparation of the first Master Transportation Plan in the City’s history (MoveDSM) as identified in the Goals and Policies of the Transportation Chapter of PlanDSM.
- On December 19, 2016, under Roll Call No. 16-2133, the City Council authorized a professional services agreement for the City’s Transportation Master Plan, now known as MoveDSM, as a result of the GuideDSM Strategic Plan process.
- Transportation Goals from PlanDSM include:
 - Develop a complete multi-modal transportation network for pedestrians, bikes, transit, and automobiles.
 - Develop updated street design standards that allow for and balance the needs of all forms of transportation.
 - Provide opportunities for healthy lifestyles through walking as primary mode of transportation.

- Make transit a more attractive option for all City residents.
 - Enhance the bicycle network by expanding bicycle facilities that are safe comfortable and easily accessible.
 - Ensure freight facilities continue to meet the needs of the local economy while being sensitive to impacts on surrounding land uses.
 - Ensure the Des Moines International Airport continues to meet the needs of the local economy.
 - Plan for future changes in transportation demand, technology, and innovation.
- MoveDSM set out to make the transportation goals of PlanDSM a reality. MoveDSM is Des Moines' first citywide transportation master planning effort and establishes a multi-modal vision for transportation in Des Moines over the next 25 years. The MoveDSM plan clearly identifies how transportation supports the City's goals outlined in PlanDSM for safety, quality of life, and economic development and ensures that Des Moines is best positioned to provide transportation options for all citizens in every stage of life.
 - MoveDSM is broken into phases emphasizing extensive public outreach to allow City residents to provide continuous community input into Plan development:
 - Evaluate the Streets We Have - phase involved open houses, pop-up meetings, and on-line surveys, along with mapping activities to learn about the existing system.
 - Design the Ones We Want - phase gives explanation of a new approach to thinking about the streets to ensure that they are comfortable and safe for all. Input from the community and stakeholders, along with the future land use plan, provided the basis for the typologies in the Plan.
 - Analyze Our Desired Network - phase was the process that involved travel demand modeling provided by the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization in order to test the performance of the network.
 - Implement Our Future Network - phase provides the map to carry out the Plan by providing cost estimates and priorities for the plan network, along with other strategies for policy changes to keep the Plan moving forward. This includes the proposed modifications to the previous City Council adopted Complete Streets Policy.
 - MoveDSM is organized into three (3) sections: DSM Today, DSM Tomorrow, and Moving Forward.
 - DSM Today - identified many issues and opportunities related to the existing transportation system, including the supply of roadway space for cars vastly exceeds the demand.
 - This section identified over 660 miles of gaps in the sidewalk network and stated that investment in connected and safe networks will expand access for all of the City's residents.
 - At request of Council, verbiage has been added to this section to further emphasize the needs for investment to fill in sidewalk gaps to strengthen and improve neighborhoods
 - DSM Tomorrow - provides the new street typology system and design guidelines that will be used to create a more logical system for classifying Des Moines' streets to better align the form, function, and feel of the City's streets with how people use them.

- Moving Forward - is an implementation chapter which identifies short, medium, and long term high-priority actions that translate the vision of MoveDSM into action. It provides methodology for prioritization of the City's investment and calls for an update to the Complete Streets Policy to align with MoveDSM.
- MoveDSM defines issues and opportunities in several areas by recommending further investment in transportation infrastructure, such as:
 - Address all 4-lane undivided roadways in the City as part of future planned roadway reconstruction projects
 - Fill in all 13 miles of gaps on the existing school walk routes within two (2) years with a \$3 Million annual investment in sidewalks
 - Complete the core bike network within 11 years with a \$1 Million annual investment in constructing bike facilities
 - Increase staffing and resources to adequately maintain the transportation infrastructure.
- MoveDSM has been prepared by Engineering Traffic and Transportation Division staff and project management consultant Sam Schwartz, under the guidance of the MoveDSM Steering Committee. Members of the MoveDSM Steering Committee who were appointed by the Mayor in consultation with the City Council and City Manager are as follows:

T. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor
 Joe Gatto, City Council
 Scott Sanders, City Manager
 Tom Ahart, Superintendent, DMPS
 Todd Ashby, Executive Director, DMAMPO
 Pam Carmichael, Executive Director, HOME, Inc.
 George Davis, Park & Recreation Board
 Meg Fitz, Senior VP, Greater Des Moines Partnership
 Larry James, Jr., Faegre, Baker Daniels, ULI, Connect Downtown
 Greg Jones, Plan & Zoning Commission
 Jeremy Lewis, Des Moines Bicycle Collective
 Colleen MacRae, Urban Design Review Board
 Frank Owens, Neighborhood Revitalization Board
 Mel Pins, Chair, Zoning Board of Adjustment
 Elizabeth Presutti, General Manager, DART
 Rick Tollakson, President & CEO, Hubbell Realty
 Carl Voss, Transportation Safety Committee

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 19, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-2133](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Sam Schwartz Consulting, LLC for Transportation Master Plan Services, not to exceed \$333,249. ([Council Communication No. 16-709](#)) Moved by Moore to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Plan and Zoning Commission

Date: September 6, 2018

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: David Courard-Hauri made a motion for approval of Part A) To incorporate the Connect Downtown study as an element of MoveDSM Master Transportation Plan, approval of Part B) Amendment to the PlanDSM - Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan to adopt the MoveDSM Master Transportation Plan as an element and approval of Part C) Amendments to update the current Complete Streets Policy for the City of Des Moines to reflect the MoveDSM Master Transportation Plan. Motion passed 12-1.

Board: Transportation Safety Committee

Date: August 28, 2018

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion was made by Jim Windsor to approve the final MoveDSM document with recommended changes and also recommend the final document to Plan and Zoning Commission for adoption as an element of PlanDSM; seconded by Scott Bents. Motion passed 9-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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