


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>18-621</b>	Meeting:	<b>November 19, 2018</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>41C</b>	Roll Call:	<b>18-1934</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Amendment to PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, to adopt 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: N/A

### 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 (PSA) 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 establishes a multi-modal vision for transportation in Des Moines over the next 20 years. The MoveDSM plan 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 online 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 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.
- On September 24, 2018 and October 31, 2018, staff presented the elements of MoveDSM at a Council work session. As a result of those discussions, the following changes were made to the MoveDSM document: the priority project list was removed from the appendix, the new NE Montessori School was added to the appropriate maps, two (2) flow charts were added which illustrate how MoveDSM is used in the Capital Project planning and development phase, and two (2) pages specific to road maintenance and pavement condition were also added.
- MoveDSM is not rigid and does not dictate design solutions, but instead is crafted to allow flexibility and ability to make meaningful impact throughout the project design and selection process.
- MoveDSM has been prepared by Traffic and Transportation Division Engineering 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: September 24, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-1612](#) and [18-1613](#)

Action: Items regarding the MoveDSM Transportation Master Plan: Plans [Connect Downtown MoveDSM](#)

- (A) [Receive](#) and file communication from Plan and Zoning Commission regarding Connect Downtown, MoveDSM and Complete Streets Policy. Moved by Mandelbaum to receive and file the communication from the Plan and Zoning Commission. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) [Direct](#) the City Manager to work with the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to remove the Southwest Connector from Iowa Highway 28 to Park Avenue as part of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan and complete a traffic study to determine remaining future roadway network needs in southwest Des Moines. ([Council Communication No. 18-487](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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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