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Date January 26, 2009.....

**AUTHORIZING NOTIFICATION OF THE CITY'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE  
FOR THE SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR**

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2005, by Roll Call 05-530, the City of Des Moines City Council entered into a project agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Southeast Connector project; and

WHEREAS, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was prepared in compliance with the State and Federal requirements that included environmental studies, engineering reviews, analysis and public involvement, which DEIS was approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration for public distribution and review and included two potential alternative routes for the Southeast Connector Project known as the "Yellow Alternative" and the "Brown Alternative"; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the work to date and identification and comparison of project alternatives, the City's Engineering Department and consultant design team has recommended a preferred alternative, identified as the Yellow Alternative, of the two possible alternatives presented in the DEIS; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Alternative extends from S.E. 12th Street and travels along an alignment mid-block between Scott Avenue and E. Market Street until it reaches the City-owned rail right of way; the alternative then follows the former rail right of way southeast before turning east near Pleasant Hill Boulevard; from there, the alternative travels a short distance to the east where it reaches the existing U.S. 65 Bypass interchange at Vandalia Road; and

WHEREAS, the City has the option to notify the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration of its preferred alternative, which information will be considered by the Federal Highway Administration during its final review of public comments in preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and issuance of a Record of Decision for the project.

★ **Roll Call Number**

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA: That the City Engineer and the consultant engineer are hereby authorized and directed to provide notice to the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration of the City's preferred alternative, the Yellow Alternative, as presented in the DEIS for the Southeast Connector Project.

(Council Letter Number *09-031* attached)  
Activity ID 01-2005-022

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED: *Kathleen Vanderpool*  
Kathleen Vanderpool  
Deputy City Attorney

*JEB*

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

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Mayor

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City Clerk