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APPROVAL OF 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART) AND THE CITY OF DES MOINES FOR REAL ESTATE SERVICES FOR THE DART TRANSIT HUB RELOCATION

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) plans to relocate an administrative building and its transit hub, currently located on Walnut Street between 4th Street and 7th Street, to real property located in the vicinity of 6th Street between Cherry Street and Vine Street in downtown Des Moines ("Relocation Project"); and

WHEREAS, DART has entered into an agreement with the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) for funding of the Relocation Project, and has secured approximately sixty percent (60%) of the necessary land for the Project with remaining land owned by the City of Des Moines and by private entities; and

WHEREAS, DART has requested that the City of Des Moines act as agent for DART for property acquisition purposes associated with the Relocation Project, with the City's Real Estate Division of the Engineering Department providing acquisition and negotiation assistance on DART's behalf; and

WHEREAS, DART and City staff have negotiated and the DART Board of Directors has approved an Iowa Code Chapter 28E Agreement, now on file in the office of the City Clerk, for this agency relationship whereby the City will aid DART with the acquisition process for the Relocation Project, with all costs associated therewith including City staff time to be paid or compensated for by DART directly at no cost to the City; and whereby in the event that negotiations are not successful and DART's use of eminent domain is required, then the City Manager or Mayor is authorized to sign an amendment addressing whether and to what extent the City will participate in the condemnation process as agent for DART.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Chapter 28E Agreement between the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) and the City of Des Moines is hereby approved, the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign the Agreement, and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to his signature.

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