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**Authorization to Collaborate in Multi-Jurisdictional Application for a Federal Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application Sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

WHEREAS the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are collaborating through an Interagency Partnership on Sustainable Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 provided \$100 million for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Challenge Planning Grants to support regional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments, and

WHEREAS, this program places a priority on investing in partnerships to leverage long-term development and reinvestment that advances improved environmental and economic sustainability, and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is coordinating a steering committee of regional planning, housing and economic development entities to apply for up to a \$5 million grant to develop a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development, and

WHEREAS this collaboration will make available leveraged grants to local consortiums of government and non-profit partners to enable cooperation among them and other community stakeholders in efforts to: • create regional transportation, housing, water, and air quality plans that are deeply aligned and tied to local comprehensive land use and capital investment plans, • align federal planning and investment resources that mirror the local and regional strategies for achieving sustainable communities, • increase participation and decision-making in developing and implementing a long-range vision for the region by populations traditionally marginalized in public planning processes, • reduce social and economical disparities for the low-income, minority communities, and other disadvantaged populations within the region, • decrease per capita Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and transportation-related emissions for the region, • decrease the overall combined housing and transportation costs per household, • increase the share of residential and commercial construction on underutilized infill development sites that encourages revitalization, while minimizing displacement in neighborhoods with significant disadvantaged

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populations; • increase the proportion of low and very low-income households within a 30 minutes transit commute to major employment centers; • Increased number of mixed use and racially, ethnically, and socioeconomically diverse neighborhoods with walkable and/or transit access to services (grocery, bank, retail), good jobs, good schools, parks, and trails); • Improved public health outcomes that result from creating safer, more walkable neighborhoods; • Increased use of compact development as a tool for regional planning to accommodate population growth, utilize infrastructure efficiently, and preserve productive agricultural land and natural areas for environmental and recreational purposes; • Decrease hazardous environmental threats due to regional increases in the rate and frequency of flooding, erosion, compromised water quality; and, • Enhance regional competitiveness through coordinated regional economic development and amenity planning;

WHEREAS, applicants must provide 20 percent of the requested funding amount in leveraged resources in the form of cash and/or verified in-kind contributions or a combination of these sources, and

WHEREAS, in-kind contributions may be in the form of staff time, donated materials or services, and cash contributions may come from any combination of local, state or Federal funds, or private and philanthropic contributions dedicated to the express purposes of this proposal, and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2010 the City of Des Moines registered with HUD to indicate interest in submitting an application under the Sustainable Communities Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Regional Grant program is August 23, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, intends hereby to evidence their mutual intent to proceed with the formation of a qualifying local Consortium; empower it to complete and submit a qualifying application for Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant funds and otherwise satisfy the requirements of the Program; authorize the MPO to serve as the lead applicant for the Program and endure fiscal and administrative responsibilities; commit to performing the activities identified the signed signature page, on file in the City Clerk's Office; authorize the City Manager to sign the Central Iowa Regional Letter of Intent to Support Sustainable Communities Initiative, on file in the City Clerk's Office, that outlines the City's in-kind contribution to the matching funds for the grant, including in-kind contributions of professional staff of up to 32 hours per week over three years or



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more as deemed necessary by the City Manager; effectuate a binding agreement among Consortium members pursuant to Iowa law and the requirements of the Program within 120 days following notice of award; and work together responsibly and timely to achieve the laudable mandatory and non-mandatory outcomes envisioned by the Program in order to enhance the quality of life in this region.

MOVED by Coleman to adopt.

FORM APPROVED

Michael F. Kelley  
Assistant City Attorney

(Council Communication No. 10-503 )

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRIESS	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin Council  
Mayor

# 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.

City Clerk