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Date September 26, 2011

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION
FOR A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT
FOR THE SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR BETWEEN
SE 14TH STREET AND SE 30TH STREET**

WHEREAS, the FY2011 Continuing Appropriations Act appropriated \$526.944 million to be awarded by the Department of Transportation for National Infrastructure Investments. Due to the similarity to previous appropriation for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or "TIGER Discretionary Grant", DOT is referring to the grants for National Infrastructure Investments under the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act simply as "TIGER Discretionary Grants"; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the TIGER program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Connector is a surface transportation project that satisfies many of the selection criteria, primarily economic development and improved transportation for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, following completion of the Environmental Impact Statement, the Record of Decision for the Southeast Connector was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on May 27, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Engineering Department is preparing a grant application to construct the Southeast Connector from SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$65 million, with the TIGER grant application amount of \$30 million; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that the City Council authorize the Southeast Connector – SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street application for the Department of Transportation (DOT) National Infrastructure Investments, also known as TIGER Discretionary Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES; IOWA:

1. That the City Engineer or his designee is authorized to submit the above described grant application on behalf of the City of Des Moines to the United States Department of Transportation.

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2. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute said application and required certifications for and on behalf of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

(Council Letter Number 11-605 attached)

Activity ID 21-2011-062

Moved by Hensley to adopt.

FORM APPROVED: Kathleen Vanderpool
Kathleen Vanderpool
Deputy City Attorney

Funding Source: Various Funding Sources, as follows: \$30 million – TIGER Discretionary Grant, \$9 million – Federal STP funding allocated by the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization, \$12.5 million – Iowa Department of Transportation RISE (anticipated), \$13.5 million – 2011-12 CIP, Page Street - 36, Southeast Connector-SE 14th to SE 30th Street, STR249, GO Bonds

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

T. M. Franklin 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.

Diane Rauh City Clerk