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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ENDORSING THE DES MOINES AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TOMORROW PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines is a member of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO"), an organization under Iowa Code Chapter 28E of county and city governments established to carry out collaborative planning activities for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)) has selected Greater Des Moines as one of 45 initial regions to pursue regional sustainable development planning, and has provided grant funding to the MPO to study regional sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City and its representatives to the MPO have participated in the development of The Tomorrow Plan, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, setting forth a voluntary, best-practices guide for local jurisdictions, stakeholder organizations and 28E organizations, including the City and the MPO, which does not dictate specific funding strategies or policy decisions that are within the authority of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Tomorrow Plan incorporates, among other terms, the following standards for best-practices on sustainability:

1. Strengthening diversity and equity in order to promote the environmental and economic health of the Greater Des Moines region, the City, its neighborhoods, and its individuals;
2. Staying attentive to the needs of future generations and to the current shifting trends in demographics, economics, and nature, as well as expectations of significant regional growth;
3. Integrating social, economic, and natural resource needs and opportunities with a strategic direction for the region's future;
4. Building on current cooperative ventures throughout the region to find additional opportunities to collaborate, create efficiencies, and provide higher quality services to residents;
5. Recognizing that a vibrant, lasting future includes a healthy environment, in addition to expanded choices and access within the areas of health, food, transportation, housing, work, culture, education, and play; and
6. Taking steps today that will lead to a well-balanced tomorrow that maximizes the betterment of the entire region; and

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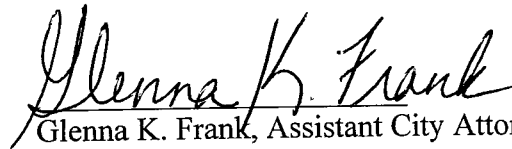
WHEREAS, the MPO and the Tomorrow Plan Steering Committee have requested that the City pass a resolution of support endorsing The Tomorrow Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines Iowa, that:

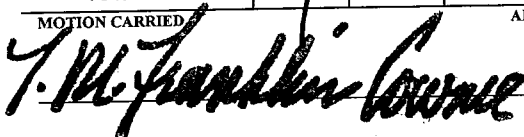
1. The City of Des Moines endorses The Tomorrow Plan and the vision, mission, goals, strategies, and initiatives presented therein.
2. To the extent determined by the City Council to be in the best interest of the City and the public, the City Council may adopt future resolutions to continue working within the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization, the City, and across the Greater Des Moines region to help with implementation of the Plan.

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

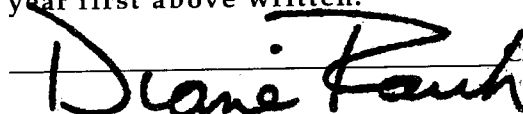
COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED 7 APPROVED
 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