

★ Roll Call Number  
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Date April 11, 2016

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT FOR THE  
BRIDGES TO OPPORTUNITY: DES MOINES' COMMUNITY CONNECTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the FY 2016 Appropriations Act appropriated \$500 million to be awarded by the Department of Transportation (DOT) 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 these grants as "TIGER Discretionary Grants"; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the TIGER program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region; and

WHEREAS, the Bridges to Opportunity: Des Moines' Community Connection project is a surface transportation project that satisfies many of the selection criteria identified in the grant, including: state of good repair, quality of life, environmental sustainability and safety; and

WHEREAS, project development including work required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act has been done; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Engineering Department is preparing a grant application to construct the Bridges to Opportunity: Des Moines' Community Connection project; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$22 million, with the TIGER grant application amount of \$8 million; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that the City Council authorize the Bridges to Opportunity: Des Moines' Community Connection project for the Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investments, also known as TIGER Discretionary Grants.

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 in the amount \$8 million 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 16-199 attached)  
 Activity ID 14-2014-044

Moved by Coleman to adopt.

FORM APPROVED: Kathleen Vanderpool  
 Kathleen Vanderpool  
 Deputy City Attorney

ACE Funding Source: Various Funding Sources as follows:

- 8 million – TIGER Discretionary Grant
- 2.5 million – Federal STP funding allocated by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for Locust Street Bridge over Des Moines River and Court Avenue Bridge over Des Moines River
- 11.5 million – 2016 – 2017 CIP, as follows:
  - 7.5 million – Page Bridges – 11, Locust Street Bridge over the Des Moines River
  - 910,000 – Page Bridges – 12, Scott Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River
  - 2.9 million – Page Bridges – 5, Court Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River
  - 190,000 – Page Parks – 8, Multi-use Trail Bridges

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

**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.

T. M. Franklin Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk