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Date August 7, 2023

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REBUILDING AMERICA (INFRA) GRANT FOR THE SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT BETWEEN SE 30TH STREET AND U.S. HIGHWAY 65**

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provided funds across three programs to invest in projects of national or regional significance – the National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program, the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects grants program, (Infrastructure for Rebuilding America or INFRA), and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant program; and

WHEREAS, up to \$3.1 billion is available for the INFRA program; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Connector is a surface transportation project that satisfies many of the selection criteria and aligns well with the Administration’s priorities on several points; 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, completion of the final segment of the Southeast Connector between SE 30th Street and U.S. Highway 65 will improve freight movement through the area by connecting the National Highway System from Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway and SE 14th Street (US Highway 69) and U.S. Highway 65 to serve area businesses and the transload facility, directly resulting in more efficient and lower cost shipping for the region.

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Engineering Department is preparing a grant application to construct the Southeast Connector from SE 30th Street to U.S. Highway 65; and

WHEREAS, the total construction cost is estimated to be \$59 million, with the INFRA Grant amount of \$35 million; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that the City Council authorize the Southeast Connector – SE 30th Street to U.S. Highway 65 application for a DOT INFRA Grant.

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 finalize and submit the above-described grant application on behalf of the City of Des Moines to the Department of Transportation.



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

(Council Letter Number 23-370 attached)  
 Activity ID 14-2021-001

Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen

FORM APPROVED: s/Kathleen Vanderpool  
 Kathleen Vanderpool  
 Deputy City Attorney

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Funding Source: Various Funding Sources, as follows: \$35 million – INFRA Discretionary Grant, \$11,284,000 – Federal STBG funding allocated by the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization, \$12,716,000 – 2023-2024 CIP, Page 118, Southeast Connector-SE 30th to US 65, ST256, GO Bonds, TIF Bonds and Proceeds from Federal Title 23 Excess Land Sales

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
SHEUMAKER				✓
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	6			1

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura Baumgartner, 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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED  
J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk