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SUBJECT—

License Agreement to install Traffic Observation Cameras atop “801 Grand” Building

SYNOPSIS—

A license agreement has been prepared between the City of Des Moines and Principal Life Insurance Company to authorize the placement of two traffic observation cameras near the top of the “801 Grand” building. These cameras are to be installed as part of the Central Business District Traffic Signal Upgrade Project, which is currently under construction. The cameras will be operated and maintained by the City’s Traffic and Transportation Division.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The cost of the camera installations is already included in the current Central Business District Traffic Signal Upgrade Project. The City will incur minor maintenance costs for these cameras.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

As part of the design process for the Central Business District Traffic Signal Upgrade Project, two traffic observation cameras were designed to be installed atop the Principal Life Insurance

Company's building at 801 Grand Avenue. This location is considered a strategic site in the City's ability to observe and monitor traffic flows into and out of the downtown area along most of the major arterial streets, including I-235. A number of meetings have been held with the building representatives, and the License Agreement has been prepared and attached to the roll call for approval by City Council.