

★ Roll Call Number  
23-0203

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Date February 20, 2023

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION  
FOR A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)  
REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY  
(RAISE) DISCRETIONARY GRANT  
FOR THE SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT BETWEEN  
SE 30TH STREET AND U.S. 65**

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act appropriated \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the National Infrastructure Investments, now known as Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants; and

WHEREAS, the FY2023 Appropriations Act added \$800 million in funding to the RAISE grant program increasing the total for RAISE discretionary grants to \$2.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the RAISE Grants are to be awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation projects that will have a significant local and regional impact; 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, the City of Des Moines Engineering Department is preparing a grant application to construct the Southeast Connector from SE 30<sup>th</sup> Street to U.S. Highway 65; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$75 million, with the RAISE Grant amount of \$25 million; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that the City Council authorize the Southeast Connector – SE 30<sup>th</sup> Street to U.S. Highway 65 application for the DOT National Infrastructure Investments, also known as RAISE 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 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 23-095 attached)  
Activity ID 14-2021-001

Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen

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

Funding Source: Various Funding Sources, as follows: \$25 million – RAISE Discretionary Grant, \$11,284,000 – Federal STBG funding allocated by the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization, \$38,716,000 – 2022-2023 CIP, Page 116, Southeast Connector-SE 30th to U.S. 65, ST256, GO Bonds and Proceeds from Federal Title 23 Excess Land Sales

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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  
T. M. Franklin Cownie  
Mayor

Laura Baumgartner  
City Clerk