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Resolution to Accept a Grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$983,952.03 for the Fifth and Division Improvement Project and Approve the Grant Contract for the Project

Attached for your review and approval is a resolution to accept grant funds and approve a grant contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the amount of \$983,952.03 for the construction of Phase I elements of the DDA's Fifth & Division Improvements Project.

This Transportation Enhancement grant (Project ENH200700055) will be used to match \$6,100,000 in DDA funds approved multi-year project budget. The project and grant will be administered by the DDA who will ensure that all necessary reports are provided to MDOT throughout the duration of this project.

The overall project is intended to make improvements to Fifth Avenue and Division Street so that they not only serve motorists, but they also encourage pedestrian and bicycle transportation choices and enhance residential, civic, and commercial uses along these corridors. This plan supports the goals and strategies set forward in the City's 2007 Non-Motorized Plan.

Fifth & Division Improvements Project Phase I will include the following:

- Widen Division between Washington and Catherine Streets by burying utility lines and adjusting the curb line to make more room for current/future vehicle traffic, as well as for a new bike lane.

- Install improvements at Division/Packard and Fifth/Beakes to adjust the width of pavement and establish the "culture" of pedestrian/bike friendly streets.

- Stripe bike lanes and install parking along the length of the streets. Parking in the core area will be metered, other parking will be residential.

- Install intersection improvements at Division/Liberty, Division/Washington and Fifth/Liberty to encourage more east/west pedestrian movements and to support the private redevelopment taking place along these core areas.

- Install improvements along Fifth, between Ann and William Streets

- Install improvements along Division, between Liberty and Huron Streets

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Approved by: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

Whereas, In 2008 City Council approved the Fifth & Division conceptual improvements plan which will make changes to these streets to accommodate current and future vehicular levels of service, as well as encourage pedestrian and bicycle transportation and enhance residential, civic, and commercial uses along these streets;

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has approved a Transportation Enhancement Grant for this project in the amount of \$983,952.03;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority has agreed to and will administer this TE grant as part of its project oversight of the planned Fifth and Division improvements, including reports to MDOT as required under the terms of the grant; and

Whereas, The required local matching funds in the amount of \$6,100,000 for this agreement has been planned for and budgeted as a DDA multi-year project and approved by the DDA Board;

RESOLVED, That the City Council accept grant funds and approve grant contract number 09-5305 with the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$983,952.03 for work related to the Fifth & Division Improvements Project Phase I;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said agreement upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, and upon approval as to substance by the City Administrator; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be directed to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.