

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SARPY COUNTY

**RESOLUTION TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT
AND COMMITMENT FOR THE I-80 COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-104 (Reissue 2007), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-103 (Reissue 2007), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board of Commissioners (County Board); and,

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission (NIZC) created by LB 546 has a scheduled sunset date of December 31, 2010.

WHEREAS, the NIZC Commissioners desire to transfer the work of the NIZC to a new coalition designated as the I-80 Council.

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Support and Commitment, a copy of which is attached hereto outlines that the I-80 Council will work toward ensuring an orderly development within the I-80 corridor which will facilitate and permit the safe and efficient use of land and resources.

WHEREAS, the County Board determines that signing said Memorandum of Support and Commitment is in the best interest of the citizens of Sarpy County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SARPY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT the Memorandum of Support and Commitment is hereby approved and that the Chair of this Board, or any County Commissioner directed by the Chair, is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of this Board.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2010.

Moved by Tom Richards seconded by Jim Nekuda, that the above Resolution be adopted. Carried.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
Tom Richards
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
 County Clerk



none

ABSTAIN:

none

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
 County Attorney

Deb Houghtaling

Fred Uhe
Chief Deputy

Sarpy County Clerk

Renee Lansman
Assistant Chief Deputy

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December 17, 2010

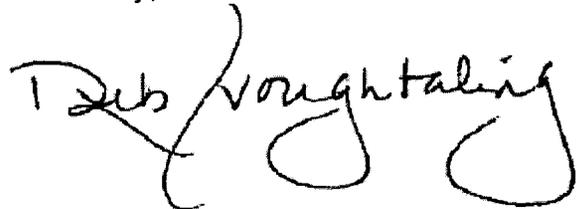
Kathy McKillip
NE Dept. of Economic Development
301 Centennial Mall South
PO BOX 94666
Lincoln NE 68509

RE: 1-80 Council

Please find enclosed an original of the subject Memorandum which has been approved and signed by the Chairman of the Board on December 14, 2010. Upon completion please provide **one fully executed copy** for Sarpy County records.

Mail to: **Sarpy County Clerk**
 Attn: Chris Vance
 1210 Golden Gate Dr.
 Papillion NE 68046-2895

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Houghtaling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D" and "H".

Deb Houghtaling
Sarpy County Clerk

Enclosures (1)
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I-80 Council

- The Lincoln and Omaha representatives will be selected from the respective Omaha and Lincoln Chambers of Commerce.
- There will be 1 representative each from the Cities/Village Boards that will be appointed by the local entities City Council or Village Board to include the following communities: Waverly, Greenwood (village), Ashland, Gretna, La Vista and Papillion.
- 1 Representative each, per county, selected from the following 6 counties: Lancaster, Saunders, Cass, Sarpy, Douglas and Washington. They will be appointed through each individual county board.
- 1 representative each from the following; University of Nebraska Board of Regents, (Omaha) Metropolitan Community College, Southeast Community College appointed by each entity.

The above listed representatives will then appoint the following Council members:

- 2 At- Large representatives from the private sector or non-profits which must reside or own property within the I-80 Corridor.
- 2 public minded citizens which must reside or own property within the I-80 Corridor.
- The following will have non-voting representation; Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED), Metro Area Planning Association (MAPA), Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), Nebraska Game and Parks (G&P), Nebraska Department of Revenue (NDR) and are strongly encouraged to actively participate.

The following represents general guidelines regarding participation and structure to assist in the development of the I-80 Council.

- ✚ The I-80 Council Chairperson shall not come from the Lincoln or Omaha Chamber due to the financial responsibility component. The Chairpersons shall be elected by the I-80 Council.
- ✚ The I-80 Council's General Membership shall meet a minimum of 2 times per year. The membership will establish the Council's Executive Committee.
- ✚ The I-80 Council's Executive Committee, shall meet at least quarterly per year.
- ✚ The Nebraska Department of Economic Development will be the coordinator of all business leads and will assimilate all leads and then forward them to the appropriate community contacts.
- ✚ All site development will be facilitated through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.
- ✚ MAPA will coordinate and research the regional infrastructure components as it relates to regional planning and development.
- ✚ There are no membership dues for Council members at this time. The Lincoln and Omaha Chamber offices will provide the necessary support as part of their current budget planning cycles.
- ✚ The marketing components of the I-80 Council will include, and not be limited to the following; development of an I-80 Corridor website, collective gathering of data for research statistics to promote the Corridor, I-80 Corridor marketing and promotional materials.
- ✚ The I-80 Council represented entities will all sign a Resolution of Intent, to actively engage and participate within the I-80 Council for a minimum of five years, beginning January 13th, 2011.
- ✚ Mission statement; "The I-80 Council actively fosters regional partnerships and the promotion of economic development opportunities for all communities within the I-80 Corridor."

Memorandum of Support and Commitment

Regarding Continuing the Mission of the NIZC

This Memorandum of Support and Commitment (MOSC) is entered into upon the date of the final execution by all signatory parties, by and among the following Nebraska organizations, counties, and communities:

- The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
- The Omaha Chamber of Commerce
- The Metro Area Planning Agency (MAPA)
- The Nebraska counties of; Sarpy, Cass, Saunders, Washington, Douglas, and Lancaster (sometimes collectively referred to below as the "Counties")
- The following communities located within the designated boundaries of the Interstate 80 (I-80) corridor; Waverly, Greenwood, Ashland, Gretna, Papillion, and La Vista (sometimes collectively referred to below as the "Communities").
- The University of Nebraska
- The Metropolitan Community College
- The Southeast Community College

Whereas, the Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission (NIZC or Commission), created by LB 546 with a scheduled sunset date of December 31, 2010, with the support of NIZC Commissioners, elected officials and community members, desires to transfer the work of the Commission to a new coalition group consisting of the Lincoln Chamber, the Omaha Chamber, and MAPA. This new coalition group will be designated the "I-80 Council". The I-80 Council will continue the groundwork established by the Commission, working towards growth and development through a collaborative process. The signatory parties to this MOSC envision the I-80 Council as having among its responsibilities the various issues surrounding planning and design, promotion, and marketing of the I-80 corridor region.

Whereas, the NIZC Studies (Studies-Phase I and Phase II - Model Design Standards) have involved major phases that have progressed into key recommendations for the Counties and Communities. Phase 1 examined regional issues, including the development of the 10 Guiding Principles for the Counties and the Communities. The Model Design Standards examined details within each segment and identified common existing patterns of standards that could be incorporated into basic guidelines that the Counties and Communities could adhere to when planning for interchange development, site development, community character, building setback lines, facilitating compatibility of design, improving visual appearance of highway facilities, and reducing the need for remedial measures and the resultant cost to taxpayers.

Whereas, among the Counties and the Communities and other stakeholders along the I-80 Corridor there is support for ensuring orderly development within the I-80 Corridor that will facilitate and permit safe and efficient use of land and resources.

Whereas, the signatory parties desire future continuity and existence of the I-80 Council for no less than five years.

Whereas, the signatory parties will use their best efforts and resources to inform and assist the I-80 Council in setting goals, formulating by-laws, participating in committee work, participating in group meetings and group communications, and scheduling of activities.

Whereas, local planning, incentives, marketing, zoning controls, land development regulations, subdivision regulations and other development approvals, utility locations, and permits can be effectively utilized to address future needs of the I-80 Corridor.

Whereas, the signatory parties fully understand this MOSC serves as a framework for cooperation among the parties, thereby creating an atmosphere of cooperation and a commitment to undertake appropriate participatory actions to further the mission of the I-80 Council.

Whereas, the signatory parties are not intending to, and do not by virtue of signing this MOSC, create any binding legal obligation or duty on the part of any signing party; but rather only express their intention to support the mission of the I-80 Council and intention to share information and cooperate regionally in the I-80 Corridor in the spirit of regional growth and development, for the good of all parties and for Nebraska taxpayers.

Now, therefore, the signatory parties hereby agree to recognize the mission of the I-80 Council as an important mission and agree to cooperate, to the extent it is possible for each party, with each other in supporting and furthering the I-80 Council. Through the collaboration forged by this MOSC, the parties agree to a commitment of no less than five years of actively cooperating and working together, regarding matters that have the potential to impact the I-80 Corridor region, mindful of and supportive of the findings of the NIZC Phase 1 & Phase II Studies.

This MOSC executed on the date shown adjacent to each of the parties' signatures.

Signatures of duly authorized representatives:

Entity Names:

City of Ashland, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

City of Greenwood, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

City of Gretna, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

City of La Vista, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

City of Lincoln, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

City of Omaha, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

City of Papillion, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

City of Waverly, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

County of Cass, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

County of Douglas, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

County of Lancaster, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

County of Sarpy, Nebraska  _____ (date signed) 12/14/10

County of Saunders, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

County of Washington, Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____

Lincoln Chamber of Commerce _____ (date signed) _____

Metro Area Planning Agency _____ (date signed) _____

Metropolitan Community College _____ (date signed) _____

Omaha Chamber of Commerce _____ (date signed) _____

Southeast Community College _____ (date signed) _____

University of Nebraska _____ (date signed) _____