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FROM : STEVEN GOODKIND

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RE: FEDERAL EARMARKS 5000(19) AND 5000(16) GRANT AMENDMENTS

Federal earmark 5000(16), with its original agreement in 2006 and three subsequent amendments, has provided the city with \$5,400,000 which has been used along with a local match of \$1,350,000 to construct various improvements in our downtown, including the nearly completed lighting project on Church Street. The city also signed an agreement in 2011 for federal earmark 5000(19) in the amount of \$965,834 (with no match required) to be used for downtown related projects.

All the projects funded under 5000(16) have been essentially completed and those funds have been fully expended. As planned, we need to draw on 5000(19) for the final portion of the lighting project and for some additional work that the Marketplace has requested. The fountain removal was not part of the lighting project, but it has been requested by the Marketplace and funds are available to do it.

The State, after considerable deliberation, has determined that, because we have used 5000(16) funds to pay for the Church Street Lighting Project, any use of 5000(19) funds for that project will require that the funds first be transferred to 5000(16). Once that is done, they can be drawn upon for the lighting project and the removal of the Church Street Fountain .

We are requesting that the city authorize me to:

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- 1) sign amendment #4 to the cooperative agreement for earmark 5000(16) which will increase that agreement's available federal funds by \$678,486
- 2) sign amendment #1 to the cooperative agreement for earmark project 5000(19) which will decrease that agreements available funds by \$678,486.

Once this is done and the balance of the lighting project is paid, there will be about \$248,000 remaining in 5000(16). We intend to use this to remove the fountain. The remaining \$285,348 (minus \$10000 that Vtrans will take as their share) of 5000(19), will be used to fund a portion of the Wayfinding Project and possibly some extra small items related to the lighting project on Church Street. We may be requesting additional amendments regarding those funds in the future.