

RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. A-84988 there was established Fund No.
 2 230, designated as the Fast Forward Fund, the purpose of which is to make funds
 3 available for economic development and infrastructure projects where there is a
 4 demonstrated benefit to the community; and

5 WHEREAS, the City is undertaking a roadway resurfacing project in the
 6 downtown area and is including a component to install fiber conduits in the same areas;
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8 WHEREAS, the conduit component of the project calls for the construction of a
 9 grid of fiber conduits throughout the downtown area costing not to exceed \$700,000;
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11 WHEREAS, Resolution No. A-85490, which provided subsequent parameters for
 12 the use of Fast Forward Funds, allows for the construction of projects associated with
 13 the Capital Improvement Program. This project is associated with the Roadway and
 14 Bridge Rehabilitation component of the CIP.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of
 16 Lincoln, Nebraska:

- 17 1. The fiber conduit component of the roadway resurfacing project meets the
- 18 criteria necessary to expend funds from the Fast Forward Fund.
- 19 2. The downtown area of Lincoln has historically been one of the most
- 20 difficult areas of the city to conduct excavations and borings for the installation of a

1 number of utilities. The current scarcity of available conduit space in the downtown
2 area is well known and has hampered the expansion of high speed broadband in a
3 number of instances.

4 3. The proposed fiber component of the project would accomplish several
5 things: a) provide fiber facilities to accomplish redundancy in the downtown area with
6 existing businesses; b) provide fiber connections to any future carrier hotel(s) to be
7 located in the downtown area; c) provide the City with fiber for downtown traffic control
8 and parking garage needs; d) provide additional available conduit space for any fiber
9 need or potential user thereby enhancing economic development in this area; and e)
10 extend the life of the City's newly resurfaced streets in the downtown area, thereby
11 saving the City street maintenance costs.

12 4. There is hereby authorized and appropriated a sum not to exceed
13 \$700,000 from the Fast Forward Fund to the Street Construction Fund for the purposes
14 of completing the fiber conduit component of the resurfacing project.

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form & Legality:

City Attorney

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2012:

Mayor