AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE
ONE OR MORE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS FOR A
TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $550,000 FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE KING GATEWAY AND HERITAGE
MARKERS PROJECT IN THE OREGON CONVENTION
CENTER URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

WHEREAS, in 1989 the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Plan (“OCC Plan”) was adopted by the Portland City Council (Ordinance No. 161925);

WHEREAS, the OCC Plan was amended by City Council on July 14, 1993 (Ordinance No.166748), extending the boundary north on NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (“King Blvd.”) to make resources available to implement the Albina Community Plan (“ACP”);

WHEREAS, on July 28, 1993 the ACP was adopted by City Council (Ordinance No.166786), included in the ACP were the action items to develop gateways into the Albina Community area, and to celebrate its special diverse cultural character;

WHEREAS, in October 1993 the Eliot Neighborhood Plan (“ENP”) was adopted by City Council (Ordinance No.167054), included in the ENP was the action item to designate and improve gateways;

WHEREAS, in November 2005, the PDC Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) and the then Mayor Potter asked Portland Development Commission (“PDC”) staff to reexamine its scope and approach of redevelopment work along King Blvd. to accelerate revitalization;

WHEREAS, from January to June 2006 an inter-agency team worked with community stakeholders to complete the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Strategy Update and Action Plan (the “Action Plan”);

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2006 the Board adopted the Action Plan (Resolution No. 6374) and subsequently on June 11, 2008 adopted a further update to the Action Plan, including the creation of a gateway in Strategy 3: Highlight the image and market on MLK Blvd., Action Item 1: Create a gateway into the inner northeast neighborhoods north of Broadway on NE Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd;

WHEREAS, the Action Plan identified six strategies and 35 distinct action items for revitalization and wealth creation in the area to benefit existing resident and stakeholders;

WHEREAS, PDC staff has worked with a Stakeholder Advisory Group comprised of local stakeholder and held numerous open houses to complete the design of the King Gateway and Heritage Markers (the “Project”); and
WHEREAS, improvements to the gateway site and construction of the Project will highlight the history of the diverse north/northeast community through interpretive panels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to execute one or more public improvement contracts with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder selected from a competitive solicitation in a total amount not to exceed Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($550,000) for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

 Adopted by the Portland Development Commission June 8, 2011.
Resolution Number 6885

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Certification

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

The attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution as finally adopted at a Board Meeting of the Portland Development Commission and duly recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.

Date: June 8, 2011