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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION WITH THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE RAISE
GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HDR
ENGINEERING OF THE CAROLINAS FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has made available funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program to assist communities with transportation projects that also create high-quality jobs, improve safety, protect the environment and generate equitable economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, RAISE grants are awarded on a competitive basis, based on criteria including safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, innovation and partnership; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to pursue a RAISE grant to fund the construction of the Long Branch Trail from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to 25th Street; and

WHEREAS, the existing Long Branch Trail extends through the Innovation Quarter and connects with the Salem Creek Greenway, providing a multimodal transportation option that is part of a 25-mile network of trails; and

WHEREAS, the Long Branch Trail Extension project would expand access to this trail network into neighborhoods with a high percentage of minority and low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, HDR Engineering of the Carolinas would be retained for a fee not to exceed \$60,000 to develop a competitive grant proposal; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the Raise Grant application project would be paid using bicycle and pedestrian 2018 bond funds.

WHEREAS, the match for the actual grant, if awarded would come from existing City capital improvement project commitments and from holding account balances from Capital projects funds and Grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby authorize an application with the USDOT for funding through the RASIE grant program and an agreement with HDR Engineering of the Carolinas for grant writing services.