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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL
ASSEMBLY REPEAL G.S. 136.189.11(d)(3)(c) REGARDING FUNDING
LIMITATIONS**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted bicycle and pedestrian funding limitations (“Funding Limitation”) in 2013 via House Bill 817; and

WHEREAS, the Funding Limitation specifically provides that “The Department shall not provide financial support for independent bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects, except for federal funds administered by the Department for that purpose.”; and

WHEREAS, this Funding Limitation, which has been in place for over a decade, has significantly limited the development of safer and more accessible transportation options for bicycles, pedestrians, and users of personal mobility devices in our city and across the state; and

WHEREAS, the lack of emphasis on all road users has contributed to the increase in crashes; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT publishes an annual, rolling 3-year summary of total crashes throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Winston-Salem ranked 6th overall, with an annual average of 13,000 crashes over the last three years, which represents an 87% increase since publishing the 2014 North Carolina crash data; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that crashes decrease when streets are designed to accommodate all road users; and

WHEREAS, safer streets save lives and reduce the economic cost of crashes while promoting healthier lifestyles, contributing to a better quality of life, and supporting a more sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, City of Winston-Salem Bicycle/Pedestrian/Active Mobility Advisory Committee met recently and approved a recommendation requesting that the Winston-Salem City Council include in its 2025 Legislative Priorities package a resolution requesting the repeal of the Funding Limitation set forth in G.S. 136.189.11(d)(3)(c); and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the City of Winston-Salem hereby requests that the funding limitation set forth in G.S. 136.189.11(d)(3)(c) be repealed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby petitions the North Carolina General Assembly to repeal the bicycle and pedestrian funding limitations set forth in G.S. 136.189.11(d)(3)(c).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council directs the City Manager and the City Attorney to forward a copy of this resolution to the Forsyth County Delegation and the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.