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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PIEDMONT AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FARE FREE TRANSIT PASSES TO TRANSIT EMPLOYEES FOR ALL URBAN FIXED ROUTE SYSTEMS IN THE TRAID

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) invited the four Piedmont Triad Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to establish a regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) partnership; and

WHEREAS, this partnership collaborates to promote TDM Strategies both locally and regionally; and

WHEREAS, the partnership launched the Piedmont Triad Regional TDM Initiative, involving stakeholders such as MPO and transit agency staff; and

WHEREAS, our regional, urban transit providers have revisited this partnership with the intent to initiate a transit employee fare free incentive to include all six systems operating in our region; and

WHEREAS, an interlocal agreement was developed and reviewed by participating agencies to establish the fare free program that involves parties such as the City of High Point (representing High Point Transit System), Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA), PART, Davidson County (representing Davidson County Transportation System), City of Burlington (representing Link Transit), and City of Greensboro (representing Greensboro Transit Agency); and

WHEREAS, other agencies can participate by notifying partners, signing the agreement, and establishing implementation procedures; and

WHEREAS, the budget impact will be minor but would provide an additional benefit for transit employees across the Triad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with partnering fixed route transit agencies for the fare free for transit employee initiative for the Triad's public transit agencies.