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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PIEDMONT TRIAD COUNCIL’S “BRIDGING THE 52 DIVIDE” APPLICATION TO U.S. DOT’S RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS the NC Department of Transportation is scheduled to replace the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Street bridges over Highway 52 with construction beginning in 2026; and

WHEREAS replacement of said bridges offers an opportunity for the City to thoughtfully envision how this project could be enhanced in a manner that helps to reconnect parts of the community; and

WHEREAS Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) will be submitting a grant application titled “Bridging the 52 Divide” for the U.S. DOT’s Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant program and Creative Corridors Coalition (CCC) will be a co-applicant; and

WHEREAS Said grant would provide for extensive public outreach and input, planning, feasibility, and the development of conceptual designs ; and

WHEREAS the City provided a letter of support and authorized a local match of \$20,000 for PTRC’s grant application last year; and

WHEREAS PTRC has requested a letter of support and a local match of \$30,000 for this year’s application; and

WHEREAS City Council adopted a Capital Projects Resolution on February 27, 2023 that places restrictions on new capital projects or project planning services. Said resolution requires City Council to approve any new projects added to Tiers 1 or 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council hereby: (1) Authorize a letter of support for PTRC's "Bridging the 52 Divide" grant application; (2) Authorize the requested local match of \$30,000 and sufficient funding for the requested contribution for this project exists in the transportation service area within the FY 2023-24 general fund budget; and (3) Add the "Bridging the 52 Divide" to Tier 2 of the adopted Capital Projects list and approve the use of City staff time outside of DOT for assistance with this initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City support for PTRC's "Bridging the 52 Divide" application does not bind or obligate the City to fund or commit staff time to future phases of the project. Requests for funding and additional staff would have to be evaluated thoroughly and should be vetted through the City's annual Capital Project Budget review. Final approval of future staff time or financial contributions to the project would be subject to City Council approval.