

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADVANCEMENT OF BETTERMENTS RELATED TO THE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, AND 5<sup>TH</sup>, STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT THE REQUEST OF THE CREATIVE CORRIDORS COALITION**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is advancing project HB-0031, a coordinated initiative to replace the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Street bridges over US 52 in Winston Salem; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of this project, the Winston Salem Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and NCDOT have evaluated design options for the Fourth Street Bridge and City Council formally approved the Fourth Street Bridge as a multi modal vehicular bridge in late 2025, confirming the City's preference for maintaining vehicular access; and

**WHEREAS**, a central guiding document for this corridor is the Creative Corridors Visionary Master Plan, an adopted plan that identifies the bridges over US 52 as key civic infrastructure intended to reconnect neighborhoods, enhance the city's gateways, and elevate the architectural character of major transportation corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, within this plan, the Fourth Street Bridge is designated as a "Signature Bridge," underscoring its importance in re-establishing a strong physical and symbolic link between the Center of the City and East Winston; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives from the Creative Corridors Coalition have expressed strong interest in ensuring that HB-0031 advances in a manner consistent with the adopted master plan and have requested that the City incorporate betterments that reflect the GAIN principles and reinforce the Fourth Street Bridge's role as a Signature Bridge while enhancing all three bridges above the NCDOT standard; and

**WHEREAS**, WSDOT has worked collaboratively with the Creative Corridors Coalition to develop a preliminary list of potential betterments for Council consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, while NCDOT will deliver the base bridge replacements, any selected betterments will be the financial responsibility of the City of Winston Salem; and

**WHEREAS**, WSDOT will work with NCDOT to incorporate approved betterments into the project's design development and prepare a detailed cost estimate for future Council review and approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby approves and authorizes the City Manager and staff to advance the proposed betterments for inclusion into the HB-0031 project for final consideration once detailed cost estimates have been developed.