

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 139

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS TO COMPLETE STUDIES AND EVALUATIONS UNDER THE GRANT RECEIVED BY THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION RELATING TO THE POTENTIAL RAILROAD ELIMINATION CROSSING PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD, AND COBB COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS the railroad elimination crossing program provides federal funding assistance for planning, engineering, right of way acquisition and construction of eligible elimination projects; and

WHEREAS the Georgia Department of Transportation, Norfolk Southern, Cobb County and the City of Powder Springs (the "City") previously agreed to partner collectively to pursue federal funding assistance to eliminate at-grade crossings located at Huddleston, Finch and Angham Roads, and the application was selected for funding assistance at a project amount of \$1,000,000 with federal support provided at \$800,000 and the local match by the local partners at \$200,000; and

WHEREAS the City previously accepted and executed the Federal Railroad Administration ("FRA") grant to complete certain studies to advance the project to the next level of funding assistance, and the city solicited and obtained proposals in response to its Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS the funding partners have reviewed and scored the submitted Qualifications Statements and recommended negotiating with the consultant deemed most qualified by the funding partner review committee to develop an agreement that meets the terms and conditions of the FRA grant within the authorized budget to evaluate the potential elimination of at-grade crossings and advance the project to the next level of funding assistance; and

WHEREAS the funding partners have developed the program management agreement to implement the FRA study and have executed the memoranda of understanding evidencing the funding and study partnership between the FRA at \$800,000 reimbursement and the \$200,000 local match to be shared by NS at \$25,000; GDOT at \$125,000; Cobb DOT at \$25,000 and the City at \$25,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs that it approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute agreements and program documents to engage a consultant to develop conceptual engineering, environmental assessments and community outreach necessary to advance the project to the next level of funding assistance, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney and the funding levels set forth in the memoranda of understanding or other agreements evidencing the partnership between GDOT, NS, Cobb County and the City.

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 20th day of October 2025

[signature page follows]

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Absent - City Business

Albert Thurman, Mayor

Henry Lust

Henry Lust, Council Member

Doris Dawkins

Doris Dawkins, Council Member

Dwayne Green

Dwayne Green, Council Member

Dwight McMutry

Dwight McMutry, Council Member

Patricia Wisdom

Patricia Wisdom, Council Member

ATTEST:

Kelly Axt

Kelly Axt, City Clerk