

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 129

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AND COMMITMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECT PLANNING UNDER THE RAILROAD ELIMINATION CROSSING PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD, AND COBB COUNTY; ACKNOWLEDGING THE LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND COMMITTING \$25,000 AS THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE LOCAL MATCH; 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 city previously applied for funding assistance through the Atlanta Regional Commission's ("ARC") Georgia Transportation Improvement Program to implement transportation improvements at Sweetwater Avenue and CH James Parkway, which included closing the at-grade railroad crossing located at Huddleston Drive; and

WHEREAS the Georgia Department of Transportation and Norfolk Southern desire to close the at-grade crossings located at Finch and Angham Roads and recently asked the City of Powder Springs and Cobb County to support the project and help pay the \$200,000 local match for planning dollars projected to be \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS the City finds that elimination of three railroad crossings, in addition to the transportation improvements at CH James Parkway and Sweetwater Avenue, would result in safer, improved and better managed travel conditions; and

WHEREAS the City desires to partner with the GDOT, NS and Cobb County to develop a plan to close the three at-grade crossings in exchange for the development of a signalized intersection located at the existing curb cut on CH Hames Parkway and Sweetwater Ave; and

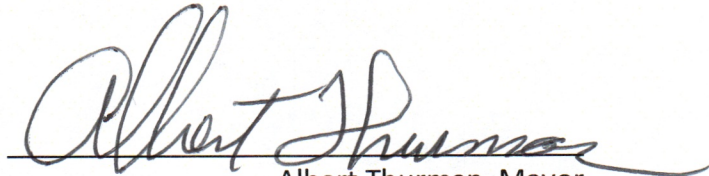
WHEREAS the City and it desires to provide a resolution of support for and commitment to the projects, acknowledge that matching funds are required and desires to commit \$25,000 to the local match.

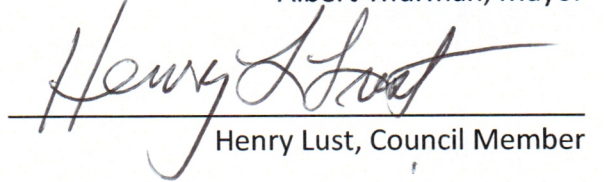
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs that it supports and is committed to transportation improvements under the railroad elimination program to develop a plan that would close three at grade crossings on Finch, Angham and Huddleston Roads and re-align traffic movement from the affected roads to a connection at a signalized intersection at CH James Parkway and Sweetwater Avenue.

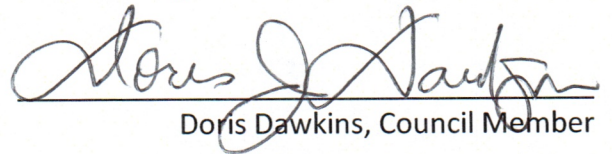
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City acknowledges the twenty percent local match required for participation in the federal program for planning dollars of \$1,000,000 and commits \$25,000 towards the twenty percent local match in partnership with GDOT, NS and Cobb County.

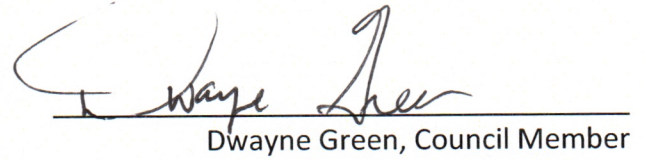
SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 16th day of September 2024.

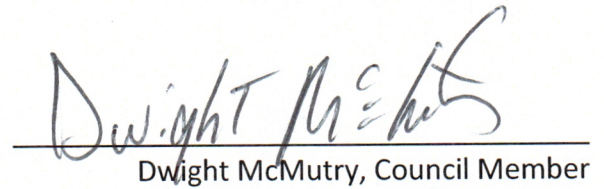
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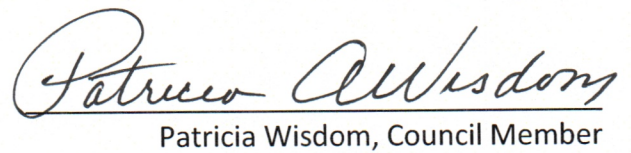

Albert Thurman, Mayor

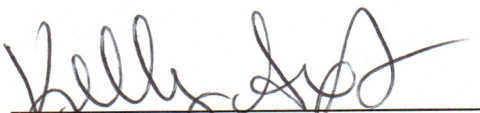

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ATTEST: 
Kelly Axt, City Clerk