

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 080

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION AS RECIPIENT OF 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; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS OR MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PROJECT PARTNERS; 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 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 City was recently notified that the application submitted by the City to develop an crossing elimination plan in coordination with its partners 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 Federal Railroad Administration has provided the city federal agreements and documents needed to advance the project to the next level of funding assistance, and the city desires to approve and execute said documents; and

WHEREAS the City desires to evidence its partnership with the GDOT, NS and Cobb County to through a memorandum of understanding or other agreement 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.

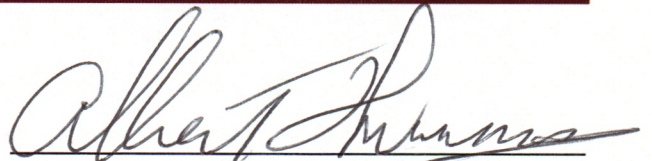
NOW THEREFORE, BE HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs that it approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreements and program documents needed by Federal Railroad Administration to participate in the railroad elimination program as well as memoranda of understanding or other agreements evidencing the partnership between GDOT, NS, Cobb County and the City, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

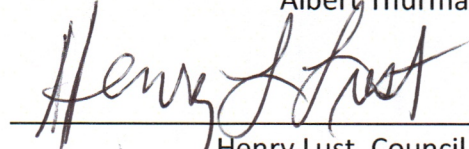
BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the City acknowledges the twenty percent local match required for participation in the federal program for planning dollars of \$1,000,000 and commits \$25,000 towards the twenty percent local match of \$200,000 in partnership with GDOT, NS and Cobb County.

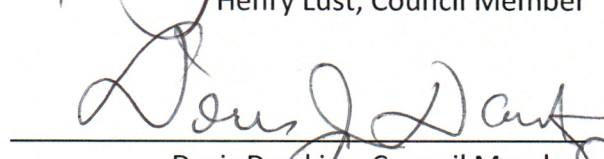
SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 21st day of April 2025.

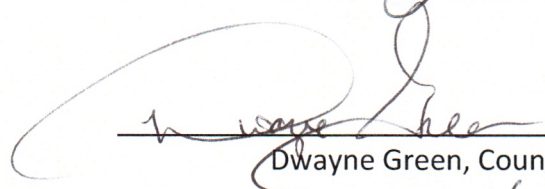
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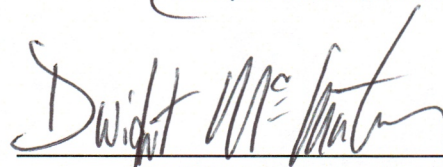
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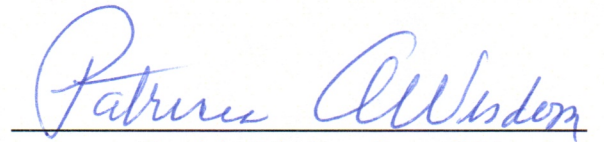

Albert Thurman, Mayor

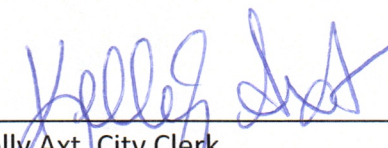

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ATTEST: 
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