

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,000; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH AN ELECTRONIC GRANT SOLUTIONS ACCOUNT TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH GRANT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY PROJECT PROGRESS REPORTS AND RECERTIFICATIONS TO THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in October 2022, the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City") submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to request grant funding through the Rail Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP) for funding of a Railroad Safety and Congestion Analysis Project, in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2023, the City was notified that the City's application for the RCEP grant funds was accepted and the City was awarded \$280,000; and

WHEREAS, the RCEP grant requires a City funding match in the amount of \$70,000, which is 20% of the total project cost of \$350,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding is provided on a reimbursement basis and is limited to the grant agreement terms, scope, and specific deliverables; and

WHEREAS, the RCEP Grant provides grant funds to procure a sensor-based technology that will provide data associated with railroad impacts at fifteen crossings along the existing Florida East Coast Railroad corridor; and

WHEREAS, the RCEP Grant provides an 18-month period for the City to complete the study, including the procurement process; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that approving the RCEP Grant Agreement, authorizing the execution of the Grant Agreement, and acceptance of the grant funds is in the best interest of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION 1. The approval of the agreement and acceptance of the grant funds from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program in the amount of \$280,000 is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is authorized to establish an electronic Grant Solutions Account to accept and execute the grant agreement and any and all documents necessary or incidental to accept the grant funds on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

SECTION 3. The City Manager or the City Manager's Designee is authorized to submit quarterly project progress reports and recertifications to the Federal Railroad Administration on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida

SECTION 4. The Office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by City officials.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
AND CORRECTNESS:

City Attorney
THOMAS J. ANSBRO

Dean J. Trantalis _____

John C. Herbst _____

Steven Glassman _____

Pamela Beasley-Pittman _____

Warren Sturman _____