A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SHARED ALIGNMENT OF GUILFORD COUNTY, THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STAKEHOLDERS IN THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN A MORE UNIFIED MANNER

WHEREAS, under the American Rescue Plan Act Guilford County began a series of assessments and engagement efforts to survey our community's needs. This exploration resulted in identifying top priorities which include access to healthcare, access to education, and support for local businesses and the economy. Within the community feedback was the re-occurring theme that transportation remained an ongoing barrier to success for many; and

WHEREAS, Guilford County, City of Greensboro, City of High Point, and the Piedmont Area Regional Transportation Authority (PART) officials believe that having strong interconnected transportation networks are vital to the progress and success of societal activities, economic development, the environment, and the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, when access to transportation is restricted or unavailable for marginalized community groups, their social and financial equity is put at risk—especially for families with limited incomes, the elderly and students; and

WHEREAS, leaders from Guilford County, the City of Greensboro, the City of High Point and PART along with our regional transportation stakeholders have reviewed existing services and gaps through a series of informational sessions over the last 12 months to assess improvement opportunities and to gain consensus on a shared vison for the current and future state of our communities' transportation needs and goals; and

WHEREAS, the County's Transportation stakeholders have found helpful synergy around seeking improvements in our existing systems through increased communication between the local governments regarding transportation development and a closer working relationship between transportation partners; and

WHEREAS, by signing on to this resolution, Guilford County, High Point, Greensboro, PART and regional transportation stakeholders share their commitment to work in a more coordinated and unified fashion on all transportation development matters impacting the county and the region; and

WHEREAS, through a commitment to a united vison, partners agree to work together to investigate opportunities to improve efficiencies at and between jurisdictional boundaries, to examine gaps in service and barriers to access, to explore opportunities to align service offerings; and seek to find collaborative solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Guilford County, the City of Greensboro, the City of High Point, and regional transportation stakeholders agree to a shared vision of a unified, accessible, and affordable transportation system across the county; that, seamlessly connects people to jobs, education, and services through an integrated network of reliable, safe and multi-modal options; and

HEREBY, FURTHER RESOLVES, that this system will be built through a shared commitment across entities to equitably serve all communities, rethink policies, invest in improvements that connect people across municipal borders and explore opportunities for shared resources, collaboration to maximize efficiency and improve access and experiences for residents in and around Guilford County.

Adopted this the 20th day of May, 2024.

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