

A RESOLUTION

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PATH FOUNDATION, INC. ("PATH"), APPOINTING PATH TO ACT AS THE CITY'S AGENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR FOUR TRAIL PROJECTS (ATLANTA MEMORIAL / TANYARD PARK TRAIL; THE SOUTHTOWNE TRAIL; AND TWO SECTIONS OF THE WEST END TRAIL) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM AND THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has the goal of providing trails for the use of its citizens and visitors as a safe venue to engage in outdoor activities free of conflicts with automobiles on the streets and rights of way; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated goal of PATH is to facilitate such trail systems by providing expertise in the planning and implementation of such project and locating private funding to combine with the local government match necessary to access federal funding made available as a part of the Transportation Enhancement Activities program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program administered by the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, these programs make federal funding available in conjunction with local matching contributions for the design, engineering, and construction work necessary to complete certain infrastructure improvement projects which are made a part of the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, if local matching funds can be made available by the City, the Georgia Department of Transportation (the "Department" or "GDOT") will commit up to 80% of the funds necessary to design and/or construct four trail projects: (1) STP-0000-00(187), PI#0000187, (the "Atlanta Memorial / Tanyard Park Trail"); (2) STP-0000-00(194), PI#0000194, (the "Southtowne Trail"); (3) STP-000-E(220), PI#771252, (the "West End Trail") (4) STP-00BK(22), PI#762562 (the "West End Trail CMAQ"); (collectively, the "Projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, PATH has facilitated arrangements in which large amounts of funding were made available from sources other than the City of Atlanta for design, engineering, and construction work connected with development of the various Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has committed through the appropriation of funding from various sources, including without limitation, impact fees, Quality of Life Improvement Bond