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WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) housed an intermodal operation known as Miller Yard located on the west side of Linfield Road near the Joppa neighborhood in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2000 the City Council awarded a contract to construct a vehicular bridge on Linfield Road over the UPRR tracks while maintaining the at-grade crossing; and

WHEREAS, the demand for UPRR's Miller Yard's operations grew with it resulting in the need to add a bypass track through the Miller Yard at Linfield Road; and

WHEREAS, the addition of faster moving trains, along with slower moving trains within the Miller Yard, would pose an increased safety risk to pedestrians and vehicular traffic using the existing at-grade crossing; and

WHEREAS, since 2015 UPRR in collaboration with the City of Dallas, the North Central Council of Governments (NCTCOG), and the Joppa community have engaged in numerous community meetings; and

WHEREAS, the community meetings culminated in a vote whereby the community agreed to permanently close the at-grade crossing in exchange for the construction of a pedestrian bridge parallel to the existing vehicular bridge that meets current Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2019, the NCTCOG Regional Transportation Council approved \$8,000,000.00 to fund a pedestrian bridge project parallel to the existing Linfield Road vehicular bridge over the UPRR tracks; and

WHEREAS, UPRR will contribute \$500,000.00 to assist the city and the neighborhood to address the impact of the permanent closure of the at-grade crossing at Linfield Road on pedestrian crossings until the new pedestrian bridge is constructed.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), approved as to form by the City Attorney, for the permanent closure of the Linfield Road at-grade vehicular and pedestrian crossing; and the acceptance of funds from UPRR in the amount of \$500,000.00 for their contribution to address the impact of the permanent closure of the at-grade crossing at Linfield Road on pedestrian crossing until the new pedestrian bridge is constructed.

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SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit donated funds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 from UPRR in the Transportation Special Projects Fund, Fund 0761, Department TRN, Unit W649, Revenue Code 6512.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to increase appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 in the Transportation Special Projects Fund, Fund 0761, Department TRN, Unit W649, Object 3532.

SECTION 4. That this contract is designated as Contract No. TRN-2020-00014761.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.