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WHEREAS, on October 23, 1996, the City Council authorized support for the recommendations documented in the LBJ Executive Board report dated September 5, 1996, and entitled “Report to Recommend a Locally Preferred Alternative for Improvements to the IH 635 (LBJ Freeway) Corridor from Luna to US 80;” and

WHEREAS, the local community, led by the Lake Highlands Area Improvement Association (LHAIA), had proposed an alternative design for the LBJ Freeway at Skillman Street interchange that eliminates the Skillman Street flyover and is more conducive to development, and pedestrian and bicycle activity. The City of Dallas, Dallas County, and TxDOT were all supportive of the local community’s alternative design for the LBJ Freeway at Skillman Street interchange; and

WHEREAS, in order to expedite the engineering design for the new LBJ Freeway at Skillman Street interchange design proposed by the local community, the City of Dallas volunteered to administer and fund the preliminary engineering design, which entailed updating and revising the previously approved schematics and environmental analysis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas, hereinafter referred to as the Local Government, operates and maintains the bridge located on Interstate Highway 635 (IH-635), also known as the Skillman Arch Bridge, National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Structure Number 18-057-0-2374-01-699, State Control-Section-Job (CSJ) Number 2374-01-137; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2011, the City Council authorized a professional services contract with Bridgefarmer & Associates, Inc. for the preliminary engineering design of bridge, paving and drainage improvements for the IH-635 at Skillman/Audelia Project by Resolution No. 11-1695; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2013, the City Council authorized Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the professional services contract with Bridgefarmer & Associates, Inc. for the final engineering design of bridge, paving and drainage improvements for the IH-635 at Skillman/Audelia Project by Resolution No. 13-1147; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2017, the Mobility Solutions, Infrastructure, and Sustainable (MSIS) Committee was briefed by the North Central Council of Governments’ (NCTCOG) Director of Transportation regarding the Texas Transportation Commission’s initiative to fund several critically needed large projects in the metropolitan area of the State including the LBJ Freeway East Corridor from U.S. Highway 75 to Interstate Highway 30; and

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WHEREAS, on January 24, 2018, the City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement with NCTCOG to establish the terms and conditions of the funding transaction needed for the LBJ Freeway/Skillman Street Interchange Project, in order to establish the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Revolver Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$4,377,000.00, by Resolution No. 18-0187; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2018, the City Council authorized a Memorandum of Understanding with Dallas County, TxDOT, and the Regional Transportation Council outlining the expectations of each agency pertaining to this project, in which the City agreed to develop the design plans for the project as local contribution, by Resolution No. 18-0188; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2018, the City Council authorized a Project Specific Agreement with Dallas County in the amount of \$7,992,879.00 for engineering and construction of this project, which included \$3,996,439.50 in County participation and \$3,996,439.50 in City of Dallas participation, of which \$4,377,000.00 in local funds for construction will be replaced with federal/state funding from the MPO Revolver Fund by Resolution No. 18-0186; and

WHEREAS, the City administered and funded the design of the LBJ Freeway/Skillman Street Interchange improvements to expedite the reconstruction of the interchange as a stand-alone Design-Bid-Build project; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) administered the construction of the LBJ Freeway/Skillman Street Interchange improvements as part of the 635 East Project, which is a \$1.74 billion design-build roadway construction project; and

WHEREAS, a project to identify the operations and maintenance of the Skillman Arch Bridge was identified in the Quarterly Infrastructure Report to the City of Dallas' Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on May 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas is the lead agency to administer the operations and maintenance of the Skillman Arch Bridge; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to authorize an Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) (CCSJ No. 2374-01-137) for the maintenance of the Skillman Arch Bridge.

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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 Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) (CCSJ No. 2374-01-137), approved as to form by the City Attorney, for the maintenance of the Skillman Arch Bridge, in accordance with the Skillman Bridge Operations and Maintenance Manual.

SECTION 2. That this contract is designated as Contract No. PBW-2025-00028009.

SECTION 3. 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.