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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 in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2000, the Dallas 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 Texas 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, NCTCOG's Regional Transportation Council approved a total of \$8,000,000.00 in funding for the design and construction of the pedestrian bridge which was authorized through three Advance Funding Agreements between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of Dallas on January 13, 2021, by Resolution No. 21-0132, and August 11, 2021, by Resolution Nos. 21-1231 and 21-1232; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2020, the City Council authorized an agreement with UPRR to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the purpose of addressing the impact of the permanent closure of the at-grade crossing at Linfield Road at pedestrian crossings until the new pedestrian bridge is constructed by Resolution No. 20-1529

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2020, the City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dallas and DART, to provide "on-demand" transportation services for the residents of the Joppa neighborhood utilizing DART's "on-demand" transportation services to six destinations and during the construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks that parallel the existing Linfield vehicular bridge from Fall 2020 to Fall 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, by Resolution No. 20-1530; and

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WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, the City Council authorized rescinding and replacing an agreement with UPRR to increase the funds from \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of the UPRR's contribution of \$500,000.00 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 and \$500,000.00 for beautification and landscaping of the Railroad's right-of-way by Resolution No. 21-1000; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is necessary to further accommodate the residents of the Joppa neighborhood through the duration of construction of the Joppa Neighborhood Improvement Project to extend the term of the agreement, increase the number of allowed destinations, and increase the number of allowed trips per day for an individual, at no additional cost to the City or UPRR; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and Texas Transportation Code Article 251 provide authorization for local governments to contract with each other for the performance of governmental functions and services.

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 Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dallas and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), approved as to form by the City Attorney, to provide "on-demand" transportation services for the residents of the Joppa neighborhood utilizing DART's "on-demand" transportation services to **(1)** extend the term of the agreement from November 15, 2024, to March 15, 2027; **(2)** increase the authorized destinations from six to nine destinations; and **(3)** increase the number of allowed trips per day from two to four trips at no additional cost, during the construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks that parallel the existing Linfield vehicular bridge.

SECTION 2. That this contract is designated as Contact No. TRN-2020-00014761.

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.