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WHEREAS, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are eligible within the Qualified Census Tract areas to improve various intersections to promote the safety of all right-of-way users including motorist, cyclists, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2021, the City Council authorized the acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide relief during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic by Resolution No. 21-1149; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, the City Council authorized the final reading and adoption of the appropriation ordinance for the FY 2021-22 City of Dallas Operating, Capital, and Grant & Trust Budgets, which included the American Rescue Plan Act Funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund by Resolution No. 21-1590; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, the City Council authorized the final reading and adoption of the appropriation ordinance for the FY 2022-23 City of Dallas Operating, Capital, and Grant & Trust Budgets, which included the American Rescue Plan Act funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund by Resolution No. 22-1480; and

WHEREAS, the Cotton Belt Regional Trail will run parallel to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) Silver Line, a 26-mile commuter rail line, and will extend from the DART Plano Shiloh Station on the east to the future Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Through Station on the west; and

WHEREAS, DART is managing the three phases of construction of the trail, and the project will be funded from a variety of federal and local funding sources; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2023, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), and DART executed the Cotton Belt Regional Trail Interlocal Agreement to set forth responsibilities with respect to the construction and funding of the trail; and

WHEREAS, the agreement requires the NCTCOG to coordinate the collection of local match funds from participating agencies and transfer such funds to DART to apply to agreed-upon trail construction costs; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023, the City Council authorized a resolution to support DART's Detailed Application to the Texas Department of Transportation 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects which included funding to construct segments of the Cotton Belt Trail in the City of Dallas by Resolution No. 23-0699; and

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WHEREAS, on July 27, 2023, the NCTCOG Executive Board authorized agreements with the City of Dallas to collect local matching funds for the Cotton Belt Regional Trail to be transferred to DART; and

WHEREAS, the City requests the NCTCOG collect and transfer the City of Dallas' funding contributions to DART for Phase 2 construction of the Cotton Belt Regional Trail.

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 the North Central Texas Council of Governments, approved as to form by the City Attorney, **(1)** to collect the City's portion of the required local match funds for the Cotton Belt Regional Trail Project; and **(2)** to facilitate the transfer of such funds to Dallas Area Rapid Transit for the second phase of construction of the trail, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

SECTION 2. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 to North Central Texas Council of Governments in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Fund FC18, Department TRN, Unit AG31, Object 3511, Program AG31ARPA, Encumbrance/Contract No. TRN-2023-00023129, Vendor 066264.

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.