WHEREAS, on December 2, 2022, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) issued a statewide Call for Projects for potential project sponsors to submit eligible projects to utilize funds through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program for bicyclist and pedestrian infrastructure and active transportation planning documents; and

WHEREAS, the TASA Funds require a local match comprised of cash contributions; and

WHEREAS, as the project sponsor, the City of Dallas would be responsible for all nonreimbursable costs and 100 percent of cost overruns, if any, for TASA Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas submitted a Preliminary Application prior to the deadline of January 27, 2023, for two planning projects: Project 1 - Skillman Bridge Connectivity and Safe Routes to Schools Planning Study and Project 2 - Esperanza District Neighborhood Planning Study; and

WHEREAS, if the projects are selected by TxDOT to advance to the Detailed Application phase, the City of Dallas intends to submit Detailed Applications prior to the June 5, 2023, deadline; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT intends to complete evaluations of Detailed Applications in August 2023, and the Texas Transportation Commission anticipates awarding funding in October 2023 for projects selected through the TASA Program; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT requires the submittal of a resolution of support as part of the TASA Call for Projects Detailed Application submission.

Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council authorizes a resolution to support Detailed Applications for funding for two planning projects: Project 1 - Skillman Bridge Connectivity and Safe Routes to Schools Planning Study and Project 2 - Esperanza District Neighborhood Planning Study for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Call for Projects to utilize funds for cost reimbursement through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program.

SECTION 2. That the City of Dallas will serve as the project sponsor and lead project contact on these identified projects. The City of Dallas agrees to designate a single point of contact for each project.

SECTION 3. That the City of Dallas will apply by the June 5, 2023, deadline under the TASA Program Call for Projects guidelines.

SECTION 4. That the City of Dallas confirms that the City, not TxDOT, will be responsible for any cost overruns.

SECTION 5. That the City of Dallas understands and acknowledges that all awarded funding is provided on a reimbursement basis.

SECTION 6. That the City of Dallas confirms the project timelines are realistic and commits that if the project is selected for funding, an agreement with TxDOT will be executed within the timelines established by TxDOT's TASA Program requirements.

SECTION 7. 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.