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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, on October 13, 2020, City Council authorized an agreement with UPRR, accepting 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; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to authorize **(1)** rescinding Resolution No. 20-1529, previously approved on October 13, 2020, for the purpose of addressing the impact of the permanent closure of the at-grade crossing at Linfield Road on pedestrian crossings until the new pedestrian bridge is constructed in the amount of \$500,000.00; **(2)** an agreement with UPRR for the permanent closure of the surface vehicular crossing at Linfield Road; **(3)** the acceptance of funds in the total amount of \$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; **(4)** the receipt and deposit of contribution funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 in the Transportation Special Projects Fund;

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WHEREAS, (continued) and (5) the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 in the Transportation Special Projects Fund.

Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That ~~the City Manager is hereby authorized to rescind~~ Resolution No. 20-1529, previously approved on October 13, 2020, for the purpose of addressing the impact of the permanent closure of the at-grade crossing at Linfield Road on pedestrian crossings until the new pedestrian bridge is constructed in the amount of \$500,000.00, is hereby rescinded, as UPRR wishes to execute a new agreement for the new amount of \$1,000,000.00, to include an additional \$500,000.00 for the beautification and landscaping of the Railroad's right-of-way.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with UPRR for the permanent closure of the surface vehicular crossing at Linfield Road; and the acceptance of funds in the total amount of \$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.

SECTION 3. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit donated funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 from UPRR in the Transportation Special Projects Fund, Fund 0761, Department TRN, Unit W649, Revenue Code 6512.

SECTION 4. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to increase appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 in the Transportation Special Projects Fund, Fund 0761, Department TRN, Unit W649, Object 3532.

SECTION 5. That this contract is designated as Contract No. TRN-2020-00014761.

SECTION 6. 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.