RESOLUTION _____

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE AUTHORIZING THE SUPPORT OF APPLICATIONS UNDER THE MULTIMODAL PROJECT DISCRETIONARY GRANT OPPORTUNITY (MPDG) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR THE ROME-CARTERSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR (PI# 0013238)]

WHEREAS, the City of Cartersville, Georgia (the "City"), is a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, legally created and validly existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation is the lead state agency to initiate and complete regionally significant transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Rome-Cartersville Development Corridor is a regionally-significant project designed to accommodate growth, encourage economic development, and provide improved freight movement in Floyd and Bartow Counties as well as Northwest Georgia and the State; and

WHEREAS, recent economic development projects and announcements resulting in the announcement of 6,250 jobs have proven the value of this project many times over; and

WHEREAS, construction of the project has been a joint priority of Bartow and Floyd Counties and our local government since the mid-1980's; and

WHEREAS, the project is listed as CB-512 in the Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the project has received federal environmental clearance of its Environmental Impact Statement and Intersection Justification Reports; and

WHEREAS, the project is now proceeding with property acquisition for its entire 5.7mile length; and

WHEREAS, the project faces severe construction cost overruns including a 23% increase in the annual cost estimate since May 2022 therefore jeopardizing the timely completion of the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Rome-Cartersville Development Corridor will benefit the citizens of the City, and the City agrees that it is in the City's best interest to support Bartow and Floyd Counties efforts to jointly seek federal grant funding provided through the IIJA/BIL Acts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE, IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA AS **FOLLOWS:**

that the City of Cartersville does hereby support the submission of these joint applications for MPDG funding, under an agreement with the State of Georgia that any matching funds for the award will be furnished by the State of Georgia; and

that the City of Cartersville authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute GDOT Document Reference No. 3797 for Project Identification No. 0013238; a copy of which is attached hereto.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE, this _____ day of ______, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/_____ Matthew J. Santini, Mayor City of Cartersville, Georgia

/s/

Julia Drake, City Clerk City of Cartersville, Georgia