RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIMBERLY JAMES, HECTOR GUTIERREZ, LATRESA AKINS-WELLS, AND ALLAN MEARS TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY FROM THE CITY'S PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Park ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City received funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission ("ARC") to perform a feasibility study and develop a concept plan for a potential pedestrian bridge connecting the City Center-City Hall complex to the Downtown Main Street ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City retained Kimley-Horn to perform the City of Forest Park Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study ("Study") which will evaluate the feasibility of constructing a pedestrian bridge over the Norfolk-Southern Railroad and SR 331/Forest Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Study provides a comprehensive analysis of the Project's viability, addresses key factors such as safety, accessibility, and community benefits, and outlines the potential for improved pedestrian connectivity and reduced traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the Study also identifies funding for the Project, the total cost for the Project, and the Project's environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, the City's Planning and Community Department ("Department") requests the approval to officially adopt the Study to assist with the Project moving forward; and

WHEREAS, the approval of this Study is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

<u>Section 1.</u> *Approval.* The Department's request to approve the City of Forest Park Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study as presented to the Mayor and Council on January 6, 2025 is hereby approved.

Section 2. *Public Record.* This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk ("Clerk") and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City.

<u>Section 3.</u> *Authorization of Execution.* The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

<u>Section 4.</u> *Attestation.* The Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

<u>Section 5.</u> *Effective Date.* This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED this 6th day of January 2025.

CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA

Angelyne Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney