City of St. Helens RESOLUTION NO. 1987

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR A TRANSPORTATION AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT GRANT FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO HELP FUND AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program provides grants to local governments to help fund planning projects that lead to more livable, economically vital, transportation-efficient, sustainable, pedestrian-friendly communities; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation recommends that transportation system plans be updated periodically when the current Transportation System Plan (TSP) document no longer addresses the existing or future transportation needs/vision/standards of the local jurisdiction, and to reflect growth and change; and

WHEREAS, an update of the City's TSP is needed and will integrate supplemental transportation planning documents that have been developed since the adoption of 2011 TSP such as the Corridor Master Plan (2015), the Parks & Trails Master Plan (2015), the Waterfront Redevelopment Framework Plan (2016), the Branding & Wayfinding Master Plan (2017), and the Riverfront Connector Plan (2019);

WHEREAS, it is recognized that a twelve percent match is required which can be provided through in-kind staff labor and services or a monetary match; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Helens has determined that there is the staff capacity and/or funds available to meet this match need for these projects; and

WHEREAS, the St. Helens City Council recognizes that transportation management plays a vital role in defining a community's identity and recognizes the importance of seeking grant funds to help fund local projects that will be in compliance with the City's transportation goals and other regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, grant funds, if awarded, will be used for consultant assistance to facilitate a public process leading to the update of the City's current TSP which shall incorporate supplemental transportation planning studies completed since 2011 and focus on the implementation of recommendations for downtown parking management, traffic circulation and mobility, streetscape design, and sustainable, pedestrian-bicycle friendly pathways.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of St. Helens City Council supports submittal of a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program grant application and authorizes staff to submit a TGM grant application for the Transportation System Management Plan Update.

Section 2. The City of St. Helens City Council authorizes the City Administrator to negotiate and enter into all contracts necessary to secure the grant.

Section 3. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council on July 19, 2023 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder