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WHEREAS, Pennsylvania must position its communities for success and position itself as a leader in the 21st century by investing in critical infrastructure needs that for too long have been neglected; and,

WHEREAS, to help build a better future for all Pennsylvanians, we must unite in supporting the Infrastructure Improvement Plan--Restore Pennsylvania. The comprehensive plan will invest \$4.5 billion over the next four-years in significant, high-impact projects throughout the commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, the plan will provide funding to assist individuals who suffer severe weather-related losses and funding to help communities prepare for flooding and severe weather, upgrade flood walls and levees, replace high-hazard dams, and conduct stream restoration and maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, issues of blight will be addressed by providing financial resources to local communities to establish land banks and acquire and demolish blighted buildings in order to create new development opportunities or provide new green space; and,

WHEREAS, the plan will also fund expanded efforts to remove lead and other contaminants from communities and will enable new environmental projects and new recreational opportunities across the commonwealth, including infrastructure and maintenance in state parks, local water quality improvements on farms, and funding for new hiking, biking and trail projects; and,

WHEREAS, it will also provide funding for local road and bridge upgrades, create new flexible funding options for businesses that need local infrastructure upgrades to enable development projects, and multimodal and large-scale capital projects for transit; and,

WHEREAS, Restore Pennsylvania projects will be driven by local input about local needs, and projects will be evaluated through a competitive process to ensure that high-priority, high-impact projects are funded and needs across Pennsylvania are met; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to support the infrastructure improvement plan Restore Pennsylvania.