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Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Cooperation Agreement and amendments or other agreements as needed, with the Port Authority of Allegheny County, Allegheny County ("County"), and the Urban Redevelopment Authority in order to determine responsibilities and facilitate completion of the Bus Rapid Transit Project, in addition to authorizing expenditure of City funds toward the Bus Rapid Transit Project in an amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00), and authorizing receipt of certain funds under the Cooperation Agreement to be authorized for further expenditure toward staffing of the Bus Rapid Transit Project.

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh ("City"), Port Authority of Allegheny County ("Port Authority"), Allegheny County ("County"), and the Urban Redevelopment Authority ("URA") (collectively the "Parties"); have been engaged in the initial planning and design of a proposed bus rapid transit link between the central business district of the City of Pittsburgh and Oakland and other East End neighborhoods ("Bus Rapid Transit Project") or "BRT Project"); and

WHEREAS, the BRT Project is in the public interest and will be beneficial and advantageous to the City, County, URA and Port Authority in that it will facilitate the expeditious and effective movement of transit patrons by reducing travel times and improving the quality and reliability of service for people using mass transit, materially contribute to the well-being, progress and development of the City and County, and reduce traffic on City streets; and

WHEREAS, the BRT Project is also intended to stimulate neighborhood revitalization along the BRT Project corridor, as well as incorporate necessary transit and infrastructure improvements between the Central Business District and Oakland and other East End neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now wish to proceed with the further design and the eventual final design for, and construction of, the BRT Project, and;

WHEREAS, the completion of the BRT Project will require the Parties to jointly cooperate in identifying, providing and receiving funding as sponsors for the BRT Project; and

WHEREAS, cooperation between the Parties will also be needed for the final design, land use planning, construction, operation and maintenance of the BRT Project; and

WHEREAS, the City is pledging an amount of funding toward the BRT Project at an amount not-to-exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00); and

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WHEREAS, the City shall receive certain amounts through funding sources to be used for BRT Project staffing; and

WHEREAS, the City now wishes to enter into a Cooperation Agreement, and amend said Cooperation Agreement as needed, with the Port Authority, County, and URA in order to establish certain responsibilities of, received certain funding for, and to facilitate completion of the BRT Project.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City, are now authorized to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Port Authority, County, and URA, in order to establish certain responsibilities of and facilitate completion of the BRT Project and to include a City contribution toward the BRT Project at an amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00), chargeable and payable from the following accounts:

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Section 2. The following funding received by the City under the aforementioned Cooperation Agreement will be deposited into the following respective accounts and is authorized for appropriation from the same, subject to receipt, for BRT Project staffing to be acquired through new Agreements or Contracts authorized to be entered into by the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, or through utilization or existing Agreements or Contracts:

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