RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF THE S-LINE RAIL CORRIDOR AND TO PROVIDE LOCAL FUNDING TO MATCH A FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR MOBILITY HUB DESIGN AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has a long tradition of progressing successful passenger and freight rail projects and supporting the development of rail infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has worked with state, regional, and federal partners to develop plans for the federally-designated Southeast Corridor ("S-Line"), a passenger and freight rail network extending from Washington, D.C. through North Carolina to Jacksonville, Fla.; and

WHEREAS, a Record of Decision to develop the Raleigh to Richmond portion of the Southeast Corridor was approved by the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) on March 2017, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, the development of the S-Line corridor supports and promotes economic development in communities along the corridor, including those in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the developed S-Line would provide greater access to jobs, health care, and education and provide new options for the movement of both goods and people; and

WHEREAS, the developed S-Line would provide efficient and reliable commuting options for communities and businesses along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT is working with communities along the S-Line to plan stations, mobility hubs, infrastructure needs, and other land use considerations to prepare for rail service and maximize mobility options in each community; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT and communities along the S-Line corridor are pursuing a federal Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) grant opportunity to design and construct mobility hubs and associated connections to improve access for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sanford wishes to show their support for the RCN grant application and make a stronger application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Sanford:

That the Board supports providing \$1,000,000 in matching funding for the RCN grant and supports further design and construction efforts of the S-Line rail corridor, including mobility hubs and related infrastructure needs.

This the 17th day of October 2023.

Rebecca Wyhof Salmon, May

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bonnie Davis, City Clerk

Susan Patterson, City Attorney

LEE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

I, Sharon T. Martin, A Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Bonnie Davis personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is the City Clerk of the City of Sanford, North Carolina, a corporate body, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the City, foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Mayor, Rebecca Wyhof Salmon, sealed with its corporate seal, and attested by herself, as its City Clerk.

Witness my hand and official seal this, the 10 day of 0.4

My commission expires 06/06/2027

Sharon T. Martin, Notary Public