

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FUNDING FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH
CAROLINA, FOR THE SUSTAINABLE LONG TERM OPERATIONS AND
MAINTENANCE OF PROJECTS FUNDED WITH TIGER 2015 GRANT**

WHEREAS, Greenville County has joined efforts with the City of Greenville and the Greenville Transit Authority (operating as Greenlink) to submit the 2015 TIGER grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT); and

WHEREAS, USDOT's TIGER program has funded and will continue funding transformative transportation projects that dramatically improve the status quo making broad and long lasting, positive changes in economic development, safety, quality of life, environmental sustainability, or state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, in selecting projects, USDOT will assess whether and to what extent projects have a source of revenue for their long term sustainability; and

WHEREAS, if selected, the TIGER 2015 grant application will transform Greenlink from a local to a regional transportation network designed to reach the farthest points of Greenville County with express bus routes served by zero-emission buses and integrated with bike and pedestrian facilities improving access to jobs and educational opportunities and connections to residential communities and retail and health care centers; and

WHEREAS, total operating expenses for the Greenlink system are covered by federal assistance, state assistance, local government assistance, user fares, and other sources such as advertising revenues and miscellaneous income; and

WHEREAS, the County of Greenville presently funds the Greenlink system with an annual apportionment for its transit system's annual operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the County and City of Greenville intend to continue their collaborative efforts to expand Greenville County's multi-modal transportation network to improve and support economic development and workforce access to jobs; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to demonstrate in the TIGER 2015 grant application Greenville County's commitment to provide cash and in-kind match and dedicate a source of funding in order to assist Greenlink's long-term operations resulting from the expanded routes and schedules and for the maintenance costs of the multimodal Swamp Rabbit Trail (SRT) extension;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville County Council is committed to provide (a) a cash match of \$1,500,000; (b) in-kind match that will include the value of the abandoned railroad corridor and staff time and equipment to extend the multi-modal SRT transportation corridor; (c) ongoing maintenance to the SRT transportation corridor; and (d) support to Greenlink's operating budget for its expanded transit system and that funding will be included in the FY2018 budget.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

Dr. Bob Taylor, Chairman
Greenville County Council

Joseph Kernell
County Administrator

ATTEST:

Theresa B. Kizer
Clerk to Council