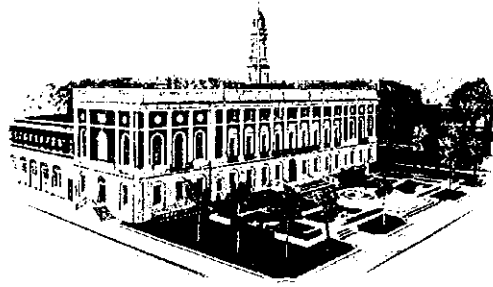


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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WATERBURY ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC RESURGENCE (WATER) PHASE II
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58) “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” appropriated \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the United States Department of Transportation (“USDOT”) for Local and Regional Project Assistance Program Grants under National Infrastructure Investments under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equability (RAISE) Discretionary Grant program, and

WHEREAS, the FY 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 117-103) “FY 2022 Appropriations Act” appropriated an additional \$775 million to be awarded by the United States Department of Transportation (“USDOT”) for Local and Regional Project Assistance Program Grants under National Infrastructure Investments under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equability (RAISE) Discretionary Grant program, and

WHEREAS, the RAISE Discretionary Grant program provides a unique opportunity for States and local municipalities to work to ensure a stronger transportation system for future generations by repairing existing infrastructure, connecting people to new jobs and opportunities, and contributing to our nation's economic growth by investing in critical road, rail and transit projects across the nation, and

WHEREAS, the City of Waterbury (“City” or “Waterbury”), working collaboratively with its project partners, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, the Waterbury Development Corporation, the Naugatuck Valley Regional Development Corporation, and the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation will be applying for a RAISE grant for the **Waterbury Active Transportation and Economic Resurgence (WATER) Phase II** project, and

WHEREAS, Waterbury's Greenway is a key section of the 44-mile long regional Naugatuck River Greenway,

WHEREAS, Phase I of Waterbury's Greenway is scheduled to reach substantial project completion in September 2022 and with RAISE funding, Waterbury will be able to extend its Greenway through the heart of Waterbury, and this new Greenway section, together with the proposed infrastructure improvements, will stimulate economic development thereby promoting job creation and will provide opportunities to catalyze remediation and sustainable

redevelopment of underutilized land and brownfields along the Naugatuck River and the Freight Street Corridor, and

WHEREAS, WATER Phase II will improve the health, livability and vitality of the City by linking neighborhoods, education facilities and employment centers to each other as well as to the City's Train Station, the Downtown and to neighboring river valley communities; will complement and enhance ongoing local and state transit improvements which will improve regional and local traffic accessibility and mobility as well as promote alternative modes of transportation thereby by reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality, and

WHEREAS, WATER Phase II will provide opportunities for public recreation and health and fitness activities; will promote ecological awareness and a sense of stewardship towards the river and surrounding environment, and will serve to redress environmental injustices of the past, particularly as it winds through, and reconnects, historically disadvantaged neighborhoods and/or areas of persistent poverty disjointed from the highway construction, abandoned brownfields and a general lack of private investment, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Waterbury Charter and Code of Ordinances, the legislative power and authority of the City is vested in the Board of Aldermen, including the power to adopt the City's capital and operating budget; to make appropriations to meet the expenses of the City; to undertake public improvements; and to approve the issuance of public bonds, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WATERBURY HEREBY:

Approve the completion and filing of an application by the City for RAISE Grant funds and acceptance of RAISE Grant funds, if awarded to the City of Waterbury for the **Waterbury Active Transportation and Economic Resurgence (Phase II)** project, and

In the event that RAISE Grant funds are awarded to the City of Waterbury, the City certifies that it will seek to secure local funding in the amount of **SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000)** as set forth in Waterbury's RAISE Grant application for the **Waterbury Active Transportation and Economic Resurgence (Phase II)** project.

DATED THIS 4TH DATE OF APRIL 2022

ATTEST:



Michael J Dalton
City Clerk