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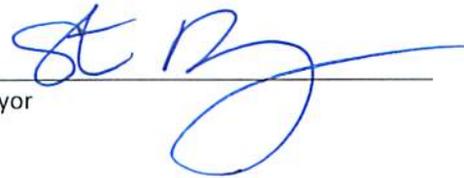
CITY OF COLUMBIA RESOLUTION NO.: R-2014-043

Supporting and Endorsing the United Midlands Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina this 20th day of May, 2014 that the City of Columbia supports and endorses the completion of the United Midlands Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project and encourages the South Carolina Department of Transportation to secure full funding for this vital transportation and economic development project.

Requested by:

City Engineer _____



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 5/20/2014
Final Reading: 5/20/2014

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Joint Resolution of the City of Columbia, the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Lexington County, Richland County, the Central Midlands Council of Governments and the University of South Carolina Supporting and Endorsing the United Midlands Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project

WHEREAS, the United Midlands is composed of the City of Columbia, the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Lexington County and Richland County in partnership with the Central Midlands Council of Governments and the University of South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, this historic and unprecedented collaboration has been established to address issues that are adversely impacting the Midlands' transportation network through the United Midlands Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project; and,

WHEREAS, the gateways at Assembly Street and Huger Street, Greene Street and Williams Streets, and the Airport Connector Phase II are very important to the Midlands for future economic development; and,

WHEREAS, completion of this project will bring thousands of jobs to the Midlands by bringing more companies and industries to our community and making areas of the city more accessible; and,

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation has placed substantial portions of this project as a priority in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as testament to its statewide significance; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has designated the Airport Connector as a *National Highway System Intermodal Connector*; and,

WHEREAS, portions of this project are ready to build, with planning, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, environmental clearance and permitting complete; and,

WHEREAS, completion of the three gateways will improve the regional transportation system by providing a direct controlled-access highway link to the Airport, and relieving congestion on existing roadways; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Columbia, Lexington County, and Richland County by and through their respective governing bodies as evidenced by their enacted resolutions, executed copies of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, that the City of Columbia, Lexington County, and Richland County, in conjunction with the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, the Central Midlands Council of Governments, and the University of South Carolina support and endorse the completion of the United Midlands Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project and encourage the South Carolina Department of Transportation to secure full funding for this vital transportation and economic development project.