

Resolution authorizing completion of the Smart Columbus Cooperative Agreement Terms Sheet with Smart Columbus partners, and authorizing the County Administrator to enter into subsequent agreements to execute and implement the Smart Cities grant

**(COMMISSIONERS)**

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2016, the City of Columbus was awarded up to \$40 million in federal funds, along with up to \$10 million in matching funding from Vulcan, Incorporated and an additional \$90 million from private sector businesses to assist in implementation of the City's proposal to advanced data and intelligent transportation systems (ITS) technologies and applications that can be used to reduce congestion, keep travelers safe, protect the environment, respond to climate change, connect underserved communities, and support economic vitality through five key strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Smart Cities first strategy will improve access to jobs through increased public transit efforts and autonomous vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Smart Cities second strategy will build on our strength as a national logistics hub by optimizing the movement and delivery of freight; and

**WHEREAS**, the Smart Cities third strategy will connect visitors through real-time event, transit, traffic, and parking tracking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Smart Cities fourth strategy will connect citizens by increasing mobility in challenged neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the Smart Cities fifth strategy will invest in a sustainable transportation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the work being undertaken as part of the Smart Cities grants supports the Franklin County Board of Commissioners' environmental policy resolution 683-06; and

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**WHEREAS,** Smart Cities grant will further Franklin County's economic development and foster the health, safety and welfare of all Franklin County citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** Franklin County will be an important partner in achieving the five strategies of Smart Cities, which will include the partnership of the Franklin County Commissioners, the County Engineer, the Department of Fleet Management, the Department of Economic Development and Planning, and other County agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** Franklin County has committed to providing assistance, up to a total of \$4 million dollars over four years in matching combination of in kind resources, cash, partnerships and policies towards the goals of Smart Cities supporting county projects and initiatives such as Geographic Information System-Automated Mapping upgrades, smart traffic control devices, electric fleet vehicles and charging facilities, targeted transportation strategies aimed at reducing poverty and increasing employment opportunities, complimenting infrastructure technologies and social service smart card transportation payment access; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to perform this work, it is necessary for the county administrator to enter into subsequent agreements to execute and implement the Smart Cities grant now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1) that the county administrator is hereby authorized to complete the Smart Columbus Cooperative Agreement Terms Sheet with Smart Columbus Partners, and additionally authorizes the county administrator to enter into subsequent agreements to execute and implement the Smart Cities grant.

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