RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTH MAIN STREET AND MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. WAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has now adopted a project prioritization program under House Bill 2 (HB2) whereby transportation projects are selected for funding based on the cost effectiveness of those projects to meet performance goals; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds for the South Main Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way Improvements under the HB2 prioritization program; and

WHEREAS, South Main Street (US Rte 11) and activity centers located in Downtown Harrisonburg and James Madison University, where this project is located, have identified Regional Network Needs in the VTRANS 2040 Needs Assessment that this project is intended to address; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL understands this project to include the construction of a right turn lane from northbound South Main Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Way and left turn lanes on Martin Luther King Jr. Way onto north and southbound Mason Street, the construction of a new Shared Use Path on Martin Luther King Jr. Way from South Main Street to Mason Street and replacement of the signals at both the South Main Street/ Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Martin Luther King Jr. Way/Mason St intersections; and

WHEREAS, these improvements were identified on the Vision list of the HRMPO 2035 Long-range Transportation Plan and have been on the City's Capital Improvement Since 2012 and have increased in priority as a result of the proposed construction of a new hotel and conference center, JMU parking deck and Madison Hall renovations at this location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL hereby supports this application for the improvements described to compete state and federal funding under the HB2 program.

ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2015.

Christopher B Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica S. Kann, City Clerk