BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT FOR THE 2040 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM **RESOLUTION NO. 18-4882**

Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett in concurrence with Council President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, in 2006, Metro adopted Ordinance No. 06-1115, establishing a construction excise tax (CET) to generate revenue for providing grants to local governments for regional and local planning; and

WHEREAS, on recommendation of an advisory group and the Metro Chief Operating Officer ("COO") regarding the continuing need for funding regional and local planning, on June 11, 2009 the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 09-1220, extending the CET for an additional five year period, with a sunset date of September 2014; and

WHEREAS, on recommendation of an advisory group and the Metro COO, in June 2014 the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 14-1328, extending the CET for an additional five year period, with a new sunset date of December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 CET Ordinance directed the Metro COO to propose amendments to the existing administrative rules implementing the CET and CPDG programs under Metro Code Chapter 7.04 ("Administrative Rules") and to return to the Metro Council for its approval of the revised Administrative Rules prior to promulgating them; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2015 the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 15-4595, which approved the Metro COO's proposed amendments to the Administrative Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Metro COO approved additional amendments to the Administrative Rules in March 2017, which renamed the program the "2040 Planning and Development Grant Program," modified the program to consider proposals and award grants on an annual basis, and set the policy and investment framework for Cycle 5 of Metro's 2040 Planning and Development Grants; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2017 the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 17-4782, which directed the Metro COO and staff to initiate Cycle 5 of the 2040 Planning and Development Grants using the policy and investment targets set forth in the COO's amended Administrative Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Metro COO approved additional amendments to the Administrative rules in January 2018, which clarified the types of projects that are eligible to be considered for grant funding, clarified the criteria for evaluating grant applications, and set the policy and investment framework for Cycle 6 of the 2040 Planning and Development Grant program; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2018 the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 18-4863, which directed the Metro COO and staff to initiate Cycle 6 of the 2040 Planning and Development Grants using the policy and investment targets set forth in the COO's amended Administrative Rules; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the 2040 Grant Screening Committee for Cycle 5 recommended that unallocated CET funds should be set aside to provide additional technical assistance to local government grantees in implementing their projects where additional expert assistance will help ensure that grant projects will achieve their stated goals; and

WHEREAS, the COO has approved new amendments to the Administrative Rules that allow for the creation of a technical assistance reserve fund that may be used to provide grant recipients with necessary technical assistance in completing their projects, up to a maximum amount of \$25,000 per grant recipient; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Metro Council hereby authorizes and directs the Metro COO and staff to develop and administer an additional technical assistance program component to support the 2040 Planning and Development grants in accordance with the revised administrative rules, approved by the COO and set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- 2. The Metro Council hereby authorizes and directs the Metro COO to utilize discretion in determining which grant projects may require additional technical assistance.
- 3. The Metro Council hereby authorizes and directs the Metro COO and staff to continue to implement improvements to program policies and administration to ensure that the grants successfully support regional goals and policies set forth in the 2040 Growth Concept, the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, and the six desired outcomes outlined in the Regional Framework Plan.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of April, 2018.

Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney