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ORDINANCE NO. [R-2018-01032]

Appropriating \$2,000,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance in the Streetcar Fund to the Streetcar Main Street Extension Account; expressing Council support for federal grant applications for approximately \$173 million; authorizing the Director of Public Works to expend \$2,000,000.00 for project development activities; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Streetcar project has been recognized nationally as a model for other systems, and has helped stimulate significant business and economic activity for the benefit of the City and region, exceeding \$2 billion in current and planned investment in the downtown corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Streetcar system has completed over 5,000,000 passenger trips since opening on May 6, 2016, far exceeding original forecasts; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Streetcar starter line project was designed to be the spine of a planned regional transit system, extending north and south, connecting the core of Kansas City, Missouri from the riverfront to the University of Missouri, Kansas City campus; and

WHEREAS, these extensions consist of the Main Street Extension south to the University of Kansas City, and the Riverfront Extension north to Berkley Riverfront Park, and both extensions support long-standing neighborhood plans and policies including the Greater Downtown Area Plan and the Midtown/Plaza Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, the planned extensions will realize a key component of the region's Smart Moves Regional Transit Vision and serve as a spine for the regional system and will support continued population and job growth in Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, the planned extensions will require federal grant support and ongoing participation from the City of Kansas City as the owner of the streetcar system; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 171032 authorized certain planning activities necessary to construct or prepare for the construction of any new fixed rail transit system or addition to or expansion of any existing fixed rail transit system; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Streetcar Authority, the Kansas City Area Transportation, and Port KC have jointly funded project development activities to date, with support from the City of Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri (KCMO), the Kansas City Streetcar Authority (KCSA), the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), and Port KC have conducted extensive efforts to advance required technical work and community

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engagement resulting in the development of project plans sufficient to position themselves for eligibility to apply for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts funding (estimated at \$152 million) and BUILD funding (estimated at \$21 million) to support the next phases of project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) authorized the KCATA to enter into the Project Development Phase for the Main Street Extension in December 2017 as a preliminary step in the federal grant application process, and the KCATA has submitted a BUILD grant application to FTA for the Riverfront Extension; and

WHEREAS, new local funding has been approved through the Main Street Rail Transportation Development District, and Port KC to support construction and operation of the Main Street Extension and the Riverfront Extension, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amended and Restated Streetcar Agreement dated April 27, 2018, as amended by Letter Agreement dated February 1, 2018, has been further amended by Letter Agreement dated October 23, 2018 (“the Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the City, the Kansas City Streetcar Authority, and the Kansas City Downtown Streetcar Transportation Development District have agreed that \$2,000,000.00 in Initial Phase funds in the Streetcar Fund shall be used to advance project development activities associated with the Main Street Extension as deemed necessary for the further development of the Initial Phase of the Downtown Streetcar system and the Agreement provides for the potential reimbursement of the advanced funds from Main Street Rail Transportation Development District revenues; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to support project development efforts to enhance the project’s standing in the competitive application process to secure federal funding for project engineering and construction; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the sum of \$2,000,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance in the Streetcar Fund to the following account:

18-2085-898044-B-89022014	Streetcar Main Street Extension	\$2,000,000.00
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Section 2. That the Director of the Public Works Department is hereby designated as requisitioning authority for Account No. 18-2085-898044.

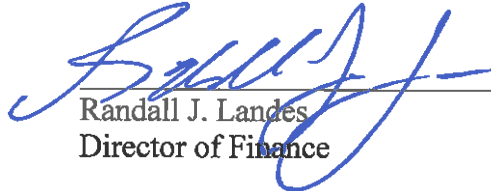
Section 3. That the Director of the Public Works Department is authorized to expend the sum of \$2,000,000.00 hereby appropriated for project development activities.

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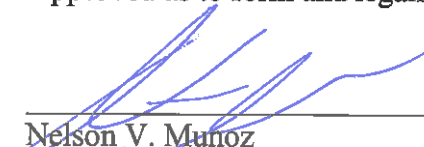
Section 4. That the Mayor and Council express its support for the City of Kansas City's application and the KCATA's application to receive approximately \$173 million in combined federal funding through the FTA's New Starts and BUILD grant programs, respectively, to support the implementation of the aforementioned streetcar expansion projects.

Section 5. That this ordinance, relating to the design, repair, maintenance or construction of a public improvement, is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(D) of the City Charter and shall take effect in accordance with Section 503, City Charter.

I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

  
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Randall J. Landes  
Director of Finance

Approved as to form and legality:

  
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Nelson V. Muñoz  
Assistant City Attorney



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Sly James, Mayor

  
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Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

Nov. 29, 2018

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Date Passed