RESOLUTION NO. ____________

Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation for Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) to Rehabilitate, Resurface and Revitalize Washington Street

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has announced that it is accepting applications for its “TIGER” grant program which are due June 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the “TIGER” (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant program provides federal funding for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure for projects that leverage resources, encourage partnerships, catalyze investment and growth, fill a critical void in the transportation system or provide a substantial benefit to the nation, region or metropolitan area in which the project is located. Transformative investments anchor broad and long-lasting, positive changes in economic development, safety, quality of life, environmental sustainability or state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, Washington Street is Hoboken’s “Main Street” and central business district, a major retail corridor, a major transit/intermodal corridor, a designated historic district and is a regionally significant economic engine for northern New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the American Planning Association recognized Washington Street as one of the top 10 “Great Places in America”; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the New Jersey chapter of the American Planning Association recognized Hoboken’s downtown as one of the top “Great Places in New Jersey”; and

WHEREAS, Washington Street’s infrastructure is antiquated and in need of major repair and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken completed a redesign plan to make Washington Street into a “complete street” with an engineer’s estimate of probable construction costs of approximately $14 million; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken wishes to submit a TIGER grant application to the United State Department of Transportation (USDOT) requesting $14 million for the rehabilitation, resurfacing and revitalization of Washington Street; and

WHEREAS, successful TIGER grant applications require a local match of at least 20% of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken has received notice from the New Jersey Department of Transportation that it is receiving $457,030 in Municipal Aid funds for the Washington Street project; and
WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken is committed to replacing the underground water main beneath Washington Street which is an integral part of the project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the water main replacement portion of the Washington Street project is approximately $5 million and will be used by the City toward the local match requirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Hoboken, that the City of Hoboken formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or her designee is hereby authorized to submit said grant application to the United States Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Hoboken.

Meeting date: May 20, 2015

APPROVED: 

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Quentin Wiest
Business Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Melissa L. Longo
Corporation Counsel

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