RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR FY 2023 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN APPLETON: VALLEY TRANSIT REGIONAL MULTIMODAL/JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity "RAISE" Transportation Grants Program provides dedicated, discretionary funding for transportation infrastructure projects of local or regional significance; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for \$1.5 billion for the FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program as appropriated through the National Infrastructure Investments; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program directs funds be divided not more than 50 percent for rural areas and 50 percent for urbanized areas and requires measures to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of grant funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects for FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program include surface transportation capital projects including highway, bridge, or other road projects as well as public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, port infrastructure investments, surface transportation components of an airport project, and intermodal projects, among others; and

WHEREAS, the maximum award for this round of FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program is \$25 million; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton is seeking funds to construct the downtown Appleton Valley Transit Center and Joint Development mixed use housing development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will improve transit passenger and driver safety, local and regional community connectivity, access to jobs and education, and supports a public/private partnership to develop mixed income housing; and

WHEREAS, the project is identified in the Valley Transit-Transit Center Needs Assessment Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton will provide funding towards the 20 percent local match as identified in the RAISE grant application, which includes the use of funding programmed for maintenance, secured funding through other grant programs, and additional program funding as applicable; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Appleton City Council supports and approves the application towards FY 2023 RAISE Grants Program for the Valley Transit Regional Multimodal/Joint Development Project.