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STATEMENT

Statement from CM Brenda A. Priestly Jackson, Council Member-District 10, Jacksonville City Council

RE: Ordinance 2021-186 Deappropriating funds from the Soutel Drive Road Diet and Appropriating \$3,260,596 in Funds for Various Capital Improvement Projects in District 10 and appropriating future CIP funding for the Soutel Drive Road Diet variously other Capital Improvement Projects in District 10; Amending the 2021-25 5 Year CIP to Reduce Funding for the Soutel Drive Road Diet and Provide Funding for the Projects Identified by the Public Works Department Consistent with Infrastructure, Roadway, Drainage and Other Projects in District 10.

On March 17, 2021 I introduced legislation to amend the CIP and stop the Soutel Drive Road Diet and reappropriate the funding included in the 2021-25 Year CIP for the Soutel Drive Road Diet to various Capital Improvement Projects in District 10 identified by the Public Works Department, consistent with addressing infrastructure, roadway, drainage and other needs in District 10.

The CIP identified for funding in District 10 are:

- 1) Soutel Drive and New Kings Road Intersection Improvements (\$3,000,000);
- 2) Old Kings Road at Dixie Street drainage system repair (\$250,000); and,
- 3) Cain Lane and Able Street drainage system repair (\$10,596)

Additionally, all future years CIP funding previously allocated to the Soutel Drive Road Diet will be transferred to the following CIP projects in District 10:

- 1) Cain Lane and Able Street drainage system repair (\$169,403);
- 2) Zora Street drainage system repair (\$180,000);
- 3) Frye Ave., West drainage system repair (\$150,000);
- 4) Ellis Road drainage system repair (\$230,000);
- 5) Old Kings Road (\$70,000);
- 6) West Side Blvd. (\$130,000);
- 7) Davell Road (\$140,000);
- 8) Jack Horner Land and Miss Muffet Lane (\$100,000);



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- 9) Harlow Blvd. and Mother Hubbard Drive, S. (\$150,000);
- 10) Sibbald Road Sidewalk Extension (\$2,200,000);
- 11) Various sidewalk repairs (\$505,000);
- 12) I-10 to Romana Blvd. drainage improvements and channel lining (\$1,000,000); and
- 13) Ramona Blvd. to Lenox Ave. (\$3,000,000).

I want to thank former CM Reggie Brown for securing the funding for infrastructure needs in District 10. I want to thank Mayor Curry for his support of our District 10 neighbors and me when requesting to stop the Soutel Drive Road Diet and reallocate the funding to other CIP needs in District 10. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to the neighbors of District 10 who are helping me shape a shared vision with resources and funding for District 10. My service as your elected Council Member would not be possible without you. I am grateful that this CIP appropriation will remain in District 10. I committed to advocating zealously for these CIP funds to stay in District 10.

In closing, I share that I believe that the extensive study and research on the needs of Soutel Drive and the goals of improving safety, walkability, encouraging economic development and much more were supported by the CIP funding in September 2017. However, it is abundantly clear that the current adversity to the Soutel Drive Road Diet is overshadowing any advantages to pursuing it further at this time. The request to stop the Soutel Drive Road Diet has overshadowed my goals of furthering community engagement in the project.

Therefore upon the passage of Ordinance 2021-186 amending the CIP, I look forward to continuing our service together with neighbors throughout District 10 as we continue to address our goals of educational access, economic opportunities and jobs and an improved quality of life that allows each neighbor to thrive and grow.

BPJ/kh

4 **ORDINANCE 2021-186**

5 AN ORDINANCE DEAPPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE
6 SOUTEL ROAD DIET PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING
7 \$3,260,596.25 IN FUNDS FROM DEBT MANAGEMENT LOAN
8 PROCEEDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE SOUTEL
9 ROAD DIET PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR VARIOUS
10 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN COUNCIL DISTRICT
11 10; AMENDING THE 2021-2025 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL
12 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 2020-
13 505-E TO REDUCE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED
14 "SOUTEL DRIVE ROAD DIET" AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
15 THE PROJECTS ENTITLED "SOUTEL DRIVE & NEW KINGS
16 ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS", "OLD KINGS RD.
17 AT DIXIE ST (DSR) - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT", "CAIN
18 LANE & ABLE ST. (DSR) - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT";
19 AND TRANSFERRING FUTURE YEARS' CIP ALLOCATIONS
20 FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED "SOUTEL DRIVE ROAD
21 DIET" TO THE PROJECTS ENTITLED "CAIN LANE & ABLE
22 ST. (DSR) - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT", "ZORA ST.
23 (DSR) - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT", "FRYE AVE. W.
24 (DSR) - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT", "ELLIS RD. (DSR)
25 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT", "OLD KINGS RD. (DSR) -
26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT", "WEST SIDE BLVD (DSR) -
27 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT", "DAVELL RD. (DSR) -
28 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT", "JACK HORNER LN / MISS
29 MUFFET LN (DSR) - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT", "HARLOW
30 BLVD / MOTHER HUBBARD DR. S. (DSR) - CAPITAL
31 IMPROVEMENT", "SIBBALD ROAD SIDEWALK

1 EXTENSION", "CD 10 SIDEWALK REPAIRS", "CHANNEL
2 LINING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS - I-10 TO NORTH OF
3 RAMONA BLVD.", AND "DISTRICT 8 (DSR) CAPITAL
4 IMPROVEMENTS"; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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6 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

7 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year,
8 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
9 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
10 listed in subsection (b):

11 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
12 incorporated herein by this reference)

13 (a) Appropriated from:

14 See **Exhibit 1** \$3,260,596.25

15 (b) Appropriated to:

16 See **Exhibit 1** \$3,260,596.25

17 (c) **Explanation of Appropriation**

18 The funds above are from Debt Management Loan Proceeds for
19 the Soutel Road Diet Project to provide funding for various
20 Capital Improvement Projects in Council District 10.

21 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
22 Section 1 is to provide funds for various Capital Improvement Projects
23 in Council Districts 10, including the following projects: Soutel
24 Drive & New Kings Road Intersection Improvements (\$3,000,000); Kings
25 Road and Dixie Street Drainage System Restoration (\$250,000); and
26 Cain Lane and Able Street Drainage System Restoration (\$10,596.25).

27 **Section 3. CIP Amendment.** Ordinance 2020-505-E, being the
28 2021-2025 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the City and
29 certain of its independent agencies, is hereby amended to remove the
30 project entitled "Soutel Drive Road Diet" and provide funding for the
31 projects entitled "Soutel Drive & New Kings Road Intersection

1 Improvements", "Old Kings Rd. at Dixie St (DSR) - Capital
2 Improvement", "Cain Lane & Able St. (DSR) - Capital Improvement", and
3 transferring future years' CIP allocations for the project entitled
4 "Soutel Drive Road Diet" to the projects entitled "Cain Lane & Able
5 St. (DSR) - Capital Improvement", "Zora St. (DSR) - Capital
6 Improvement", "Frye Ave. W. (DSR) - Capital Improvement", "Ellis Rd.
7 (DSR) - Capital Improvement", "Old Kings Rd. (DSR) - Capital
8 Improvement", "West Side Blvd (DSR) - Capital Improvement", "Davell
9 Rd. (DSR) - Capital Improvement", "Jack Horner Ln / Miss Muffet Ln
10 (DSR) - Capital Improvement", "Harlow Blvd / Mother Hubbard Dr. S.
11 (DSR) - Capital Improvement", "Sibbald Road Sidewalk Extension", "CD
12 10 Sidewalk Repairs", "Channel Lining Drainage Improvements - I-10
13 to north of Ramona Blvd.", and "District 8 (DSR) Capital
14 Improvements." The projects are more fully described in the Project
15 Information Sheets, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated
16 herein by this reference. The Council finds that the deferral of this
17 amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget and CIP review will
18 be detrimental to the best interests of the community because the
19 project entitled "Soutel Drive Road Diet" is being immediately
20 abandoned in favor of other capital improvement needs in Districts
21 10 and 8. Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment
22 of this ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
23 Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP amendment
24 set forth in this section. This ordinance shall constitute an
25 amendment to Ordinance 2020-505-E. In all other respects, the Five-
26 Year Capital Improvement Program approved by Ordinance 2020-505-E
27 shall continue in full force and effect.

28 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.
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1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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