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**A RESOLUTION BY
COUNCILMEMBER ANDRE DICKENS**



A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ATLANTA'S INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM IN WHICH EVERY ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD IS A PLACE THAT IS VALUED REGARDING GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Atlanta is moving towards being an innovative ecosystem in which every individual has the opportunity to a long and productive life that is not dependent upon their race, ethnicity or income; and

WHEREAS, every neighborhood is a place that is valued where people want to move and where they can live, raise a family and age with dignity; and

WHEREAS, congested highways and aging transportation infrastructure are inconsistent with the Innovation Ecosystem objectives as they impair health and safety and slow economic activity; and

WHEREAS, purely transportation capacity solutions (supply side) are inconsistent with an Innovation Ecosystem as they transfer wealth away from the city; artificially subsidize the out-migration from well established urban neighborhoods; and pull desirable employers away from the city; and

WHEREAS, supply side transportation solutions have an extraordinary and disproportionately adverse impact on Atlanta's economically disadvantaged communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES, that all city agencies are to encourage their state and federal partners to emphasize demand side solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, supply side solutions such as the Georgia Department of Transportation's proposed Northside Drive project, various freeway interchange improvements and toll lanes, should fully mitigate past, present and future impacts to the Innovation Ecosystem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Innovation Ecosystem has four broad objectives including workforce capacity, business recruitment, cultural efficacy and green infrastructure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.