RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM (CATS) AND THE CENTRALINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CCOG) TO ENGAGE REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS AND PROCURE, MANAGE AND ADMINISTER A CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

WHEREAS, CATS and CCOG staff have collaborated over the last two years on a Regional Transit Engagement Series throughout a 12-county region, and the next step is preparation of the Regional Transit Plan. The CCOG plays a multi-county regional role and is the logical agency to procure, manage, and administer the necessary consultant contract and to engage regional stakeholders for the development of this Plan; and

WHEREAS, CATS and the CCOG wish to enter into a Master Agreement governing the CCOG's activities in developing the Regional Transit Plan and addressing how CATS will support and participate in the Plan's development. Among other things, this Master Agreement would provide for CATS and City Planning staff to be on the consultant selection committee and to serve on the project management team; and

WHEREAS, CCOG staff, in collaboration with CATS, CRTPO, NCDOT and adjacent MPO's, have assembled funding for the development of a Regional Transit Plan and Implementation Strategies. The estimated cost of the study is \$2,000,000 over two fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020 funding for the study has been committed by the following agencies: Charlotte Area Transit System (\$425,000, subject to Council approval of the Master Agreement), North Carolina Department of Transportation (\$500,000), South Carolina Department of Transportation (\$93,750), Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (\$511,492), Gaston Cleveland Lincoln MPO (\$90,000), Cabarrus Rowan MPO (\$125,000), and Rock Hill-Fort Mill Transportation Study (\$26,815); and

WHEREAS, the CCOG issued a RFQ on September 3, 2019, seeking a consultant team to develop a single, coordinated transit vision for the project area that includes multiple transit modes, to identify rapid transit corridors as extensions to the CATS 2030 Plan, and to develop action-oriented strategies in coordination with other regional and local transportation plans. These strategies will identify key topics and methods for regional coordination and will support improved mobility and access, effective and coordinated transit investments, and coordinated transit operations to meet the needs of a growing and changing population.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Charlotte that the Council hereby authorizes the following:

THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MASTER AGREEMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE BETWEEN THE CHARLOTTE AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM (CATS) AND THE CENTRALINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CCOG), UPON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH THEREIN, AND AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

THIS THE	DAY OF OCTOBER.	-20	119