#### **EXHIBIT A**

## **DECLARATION OF TAKING**

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, Georgia has made and passed a Resolution, and entered an Order, finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring certain interests in property and easements for public (county) transportation purposes are such that it is necessary to acquire title, estate, or interest in the lands fully described in said Order to condemn contained in the Resolution. The Order is attached to this Declaration as Appendix A and made a part hereof, under O.C.G.A. § 32-3-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, said interests in property and easements are for public purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix B to Exhibit A and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, Georgia has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the easements, above-referenced to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix C to Exhibit A and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix C to Exhibit A, DeKalb County, Georgia estimates One Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$1,020.00) as just and adequate compensation to be paid for said easements, as fully described in Appendix B to Exhibit A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and now deposits said sum in the Court to the use of the persons entitled thereto.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the premises considered, DeKalb County, Georgia, under authority of O.C.G.A. § 32-3-1 *et seq.*, hereby declares that the property and interests as

Intersection Improvements Project: STP00-0002-00(669) described in Appendix B to Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof of this Declaration, is taken for purposes of locating, constructing, maintaining, repairing, extending, expanding, and/or installing a traffic signal upgrades for public (county) transportation purposes.

## **DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

#### ROBERT PATRICK

Presiding Officer Board of Commissioners DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County this\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND

Chief Executive Officer DeKalb County, Georgia

Attest:

BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer DeKalb County, Georgia

# APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patrise Perkins-Hooker Ga. Bar No. 5722358

Johnson & Freeman, LLC 6323 Roosevelt Highway

Historic, Union City, Georgia 30291

Tel: <u>678.833.0093</u> Fax: 770.626.5240

pperkins-hooker@jfllc.com

Counsel for DeKalb County, Georgia