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**RESOLUTION
OF THE
CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS**

**RESOLUTION CMTA-2014-51
Project Connect Central Corridor – LPA**

WHEREAS, the Project Connect: Central Corridor High-Capacity Transit Study was jointly initiated in 2013 by the City of Austin, Capital Metro Transportation Authority, and the Lone Star Rail District; and

WHEREAS, the Central Corridor Advisory Group (CCAG) was formed to advise the Mayor and the project team in prioritizing and defining a preferred alignment for the next high-capacity transit investment for the Central Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the CCAG charge is to ensure an open, transparent and data driven public process; and

WHEREAS, the CCAG charge is to assist the project team in a meaningful dialogue with the community; and

WHEREAS, the Central Corridor project team identified, defined, and evaluated ten sub-corridors within the Central Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Central Corridor project team presented the results of their analysis to the public, stakeholder groups, and the CCAG, along with a Phase 1 recommendation to select the East Riverside and Highland sub-corridors for advancement to Phase 2 and the evaluation of alignments and modes; and

WHEREAS, the CCAG, City of Austin and CMTA endorsed the project team Phase 1 recommendation of the East Riverside and Highland sub-corridors as the Central Corridor priority for further evaluation of alignment and mode, and selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) during Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, the CCAG, City of Austin and CMTA recommended that the project

team continue critical Central Corridor system level planning and project development, with special consideration of the next tier of sub-corridors, including Lamar, Mueller, East Austin, and ABIA along with a crosstown connection to MetroRapid and future LSTAR service at Seaholm; and

WHEREAS, the Project Connect team has recommended a Locally Preferred Alternative of an urban rail transit mode on a route from the East Riverside Corridor through the Downtown, Capitol Complex, and University of Texas Core to Highland for Phase 2 of the Central Corridor project;

WHEREAS, the proposed first line of urban rail directly addresses the regional and Central Corridor challenges and opportunities: Congestion, Core, Centers, Constraints, Growth, System, and Funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors endorses the project team recommended Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) that serves East Riverside, Downtown, Capitol Complex, Medical School Complex, University of Texas, and Highland with urban rail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors endorses the City of Austin and Capital Metro partnership approach to a) governance; and b) funding, which includes securing a matching federal funding commitment to build the proposed project, and an identifiable, secure source of combined City-Capital Metro projected Operating and Maintenance funds at levels that are sufficient to support the new urban rail service without adversely impacting the remaining portions of the transit system operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the President/CEO and the Project Connect Technical Team are directed to pursue environmental clearance of the recommended Locally Preferred Alternative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the President/CEO or her designee and the Project Connect Technical Team are authorized to continue to use data to monitor population trends, demographics, existing traffic ridership, and economic development activities as the LPA advances towards implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors endorses the Project Connect Central

Corridor and Joint Executive Team's Phase 2 recommendation of the Project Connect Central Corridor High Capacity Transit Project (known as a draft Locally Preferred Alternative) as the Central Corridor priority for Project Connect, a regional, long range high-capacity transit system plan.

- RESULT:** ADOPTED [7 TO 1]
- MOVER:** Ann Stafford, Secretary
- SECONDER:** Mike Martinez, Chair
- AYES:** Silas, Langmore, Stafford, Mitchell, Siebold, Martinez, Riley
- NAYS:** Norm Chafetz

Date: June 23, 2014

Secretary of the Board
Ann Stafford