COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Urban Transportation Commission

Recommendation Number: 20160809-04A: Proposed November 2016 Mobility Bond Program

WHEREAS Mayor Adler has declared 2016 the Year of Mobility and described the current proposed 2016 bond package as "Going Big";

WHEREAS City Council initiated the Mobility Talks process to solicit public input and garner ideas, the majority response of which was to invest in mass transit;

WHEREAS the Urban Transportation Commission on multiple occasions recommended investing in meaningful alternatives to single-occupancy car trips, including bicycling, walking and public transit;

WHEREAS funding a high-capacity transit network that prioritizes high-density corridors and high-diversity populations will make public transportation a viable, convenient and affordable transportation choice, and move "Austin toward becoming a more multimodal city," as prescribed by CodeNext;

WHEREAS placing on the ballot an option solely for rail investment will allow the people to provide a clear decision to City Council on acceptable and desired transportation expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Urban Transportation Commission recommends the City Council "Go Bigger" in the 2016 mobility bond by including the following ballot language:

PROPOSITION, CITY OF AUSTIN The issuance of $397,500,000 bonds and notes for rail systems, facilities and infrastructure, including a fixed rail transit system servicing the Guadalupe and North Lamar Corridor, downtown Austin, the State Capitol complex, Crestview Station, the Department of Public Safety, the State of Texas North Austin Complex, the Austin State Hospital, Republic Square Station, Seton Medical Center, the University of Texas, the Travis County Central Campus, and surrounding neighborhoods, and roadway improvements related to such rail systems, facilities and infrastructure; and the levy of a tax sufficient to pay for the bonds and notes.

Date of Approval: _____

Record of the vote: _____

Attest: _____

(Staff or board member can sign)