



## BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

### Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission

#### Recommendation Number: (20161011-005A): Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Connections2025 Draft Plan

**WHEREAS** the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Redevelopment and Reuse Plan (July, 2000, p. 102) contemplates multiple Light Rail and Bus Stations along Berkman Drive, and

**WHEREAS** various stakeholder groups, commissions, and the City Council approved the Mueller Master Plan, which identifies Berkman Drive as a central transit boulevard, and

**WHEREAS** the Mueller Design Book (November, 2004, p. 10) contemplates a “central transit boulevard [that] offers a corridor for future commuter or light rail through the community,” and further for the Mueller neighborhood as a whole, the “pattern and intensity of development is planned in conjunction with a comprehensive program of transit improvements aimed at reducing automobile dependence,” and

**WHEREAS** a revision to the Mueller Design Book (December, 2007, p. 12) updated the Street Hierarchy Map, and Berkman Drive was still considered the only TRANSIT BOULEVARD, and Berkman Drive sits atop the Street Hierarchy Map of the Mueller Design Book and is identified as the primary (and only) “TRANSIT BOULEVARD” in the neighborhood, and

**WHEREAS** since its inception, the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission has consistently advised the City Council to support transit at Mueller in support of the goal to reduce auto dependency and air and noise pollution and consider alternative-fueled vehicles, and

**WHEREAS** the proposed Connections 2025 plan eliminates multiple potential connections between Mueller and the University of Texas at Austin, the Capitol complex, and downtown Austin, as well as between Mueller and the surrounding neighborhoods, and

**WHEREAS** MetroRapid infrastructure is a significant investment in transit, and a failure to include the proposed “Berkman Alignment” will make it considerably more difficult for Mueller to be adequately served by transit, and

**WHEREAS** we believe the proposed “Berkman Alignment” will increase ridership for the proposed 820 Riverside/Manor Route, which will be of benefit not only to Mueller residents but also the numerous additional neighborhoods that will be served by the route, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission urges the Austin City Council to encourage the Capital Metro Connections 2025 team to as a general policy encourage high frequency and rapid transit options along the primary corridors in and near the Mueller area, particularly along Berkman Drive and Mueller Boulevard. Additionally, we voice support for the proposed re-routing of the "820 Riverside/Manor Route" to include the "Berkman Alignment" with stops at the Tower District (Antone St), the Town Center (Simond Ave) and the Market District (Barbara Jordan Blvd) while continuing to serve the greater East Austin community.

Date of Approval: 10/11/2016

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 10-0 vote

Attest: Michael Jones