

RESOLUTION – Capital Metro 2018 Bond Request

WHEREAS, access to mobility options is a key component to addressing the traffic congestion problems in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is a shared goal and responsibility of both Capital Metro and the City of Austin to provide transportation solutions to our community the get us where we want to go, when we want to get there, safely and cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, Capital Metro is developing a high-capacity transit system plan (“Project Connect”) to address the region’s need for improved mobility choices, help manage rapid population growth, improve regional connectivity and reduce transportation costs for households to improve affordability; and

WHEREAS, Project Connect has been and will continue to be closely coordinated with City of Austin transportation initiatives including the 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor Program and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and is complementary to and supportive of those programs; and

WHEREAS, regarding the potential 2018 bond package being considered by the Austin City Council for a November 2018 referendum, the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors has by resolution (ID # AI-2018-727) requested that up to \$15 million in funding be included in the bond package to be allocated, and conveyed via interlocal agreement to Capital Metro, to support the development of preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for priority projects that emerge out of Project Connect; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors has also requested that funding be allocated to support the development of transit equity corridors in areas including, but not limited to, the southern Pleasant Valley corridor, where critical roadway infrastructure gaps exist that constrain the ability of Capital Metro to develop routes and services that would meet community needs and expand access to opportunities for under-served populations; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOBILITY COMMITTEE:

That the Committee recommends City Council include the requested \$15 million in funding be included bond package as requested by the CMTA Board of Directors, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager be directed by City Council to identify funding to be allocated to support the development of transit equity corridors as requested by the CMTA Board of Directors.