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21           **WHEREAS**, 10 Austin Neighborhood and Regulating Plans, adopted between 1999  
22 and 2008, recommend completion of the Red Line Trail and addition of adjacent parkland  
23 in their respective areas; and

24           **WHEREAS**, there are over 200,000 residents and 200,000 jobs within one mile of  
25 the 32-mile Red Line corridor, plus substantial projected growth; and

26           **WHEREAS**, there has been over one billion dollars' worth of public and private  
27 projects built in the Red Line corridor during the last decade and there will be substantial  
28 public and private investments made there in the next decade; and

29           **WHEREAS**, there is currently limited public or private funding identified to  
30 develop a plan that includes a continuous trail and linear park for the entire corridor or for  
31 implementation of such a plan, but a dedicated nonprofit could help identify new resources  
32 for these efforts; and

33           **WHEREAS**, the Capital Metro Red Line corridor provides a unique opportunity for  
34 a continuous urban trail and linear park from Downtown Austin to the northern city limits,  
35 including Williamson County; and

36           **WHEREAS**, cities throughout the country have revitalized and created urban  
37 greenways, trails and parks through active partnerships with nonprofit and conservancy  
38 organizations, including the Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, Midtown Greenway Coalition in  
39 Minneapolis, Friends of the High Line and Brooklyn Greenway Initiative, the Emerald  
40 Necklace Conservancy in Boston, and local groups Shoal Creek Conservancy, Waterloo  
41 Greenway, The Trail Foundation, and Hill Country Conservancy; and

42           **WHEREAS**, the Red Line Parkway Initiative is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in  
43 2017 by Austin residents who are dedicated to serving as a city partner in helping to  
44 develop, operate and manage the Red Line Trail, improving connections to nature,  
45 parkland, and public space, and increasing everyday walking, bicycling, and transit use;

46 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

47 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN**

48           The City Manager is directed to explore a partnership with the Red Line Parkway  
49 Initiative and relevant interlocal agreements for the creation of a Red Line Parkway Plan  
50 for Trails, Parks, Public Space, and Trail-Oriented Development; a strategy for the  
51 development, management, and operation of this plan; and to provide Council with a  
52 recommendation for potential structures of this partnership, potential roles and  
53 responsibilities, and an implementation schedule within 180 days.

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56 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

57           **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
58 Jannette S. Goodall  
59 City Clerk