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for the purpose of providing funds to implement a citywide traffic-easing rapid transit system, known as Project Connect, and to fund associated investments that encourage affordable housing along transit corridors; address traffic congestion; expand service for essential workers; reduce emissions; decrease traffic fatalities; create jobs; provide additional access to jobs, education, health care, and to the airport; the transit system is to include a fixed rail and bus rapid transit system, including associated roadway, bikeway, sidewalk, and street lighting improvements; park & ride hubs; on-demand neighborhood circulator shuttles; innovative customer technology; and improved access for seniors and persons with disabilities; and is to be operated by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, expending its funds to build, operate and maintain the transit system; the additional revenue raised by the tax rate is to be dedicated to an independent board to oversee and finance the acquisition, construction, equipping, and operations and maintenance of the rapid transit system by providing funds for loans and grants to develop or expand transportation within the City, and to finance transit-supported anti-displacement strategies. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in the City of Austin was \$0.4431 per \$100 valuation.

PART 3. The elections shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The location of the main early voting polling place, the dates and hours for early voting, and the early voting clerk's official mailing address are provided in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance.

PART 4. A direct electronic recording voting system, as the term is defined in Title 8 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for early voting and for voting conducted on election day. The central counting station is established at the Travis County Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

PART 5. Notice of these elections shall be given by posting and publishing a copy of this ordinance in both English and Spanish. The notice and a copy of this ordinance shall be posted, in both English and Spanish, in the office of the City Clerk and at the City Hall notice kiosk not later than the 21st day before election day. Notice of this election shall be published one time, not earlier than the 30th day before the

65 date of the election or later than the 10th day before the date of the election, in a
66 newspaper of general circulation in the City of Austin.

67 **PART 6.** In accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the
68 November 3, 2020 municipal elections may be held jointly with the various political
69 subdivisions that share territory with the City of Austin and that are holding elections
70 on that day. The City Clerk may enter and sign joint election agreements with other
71 political subdivisions for this purpose, and their terms as stated in the agreements
72 are hereby adopted.

73 **PART 7.** The Council finds that the need to immediately begin required
74 preparations for these elections constitutes an emergency. Because of this
75 emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate
76 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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Steve Adler
Mayor

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86 **APPROVED:**

Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk