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To: Mayor and City Council
From: Gina Fiandaca, Assistant City Manager
Date: August 25, 2020
Subject: **Response to Resolution 20190808-081 (CIUR 2185)**

Subsequent to the City Council approving Resolution No. 20190808-081, directing the City Manager to provide options to support the creation, operation, and maintenance of a high-capacity transit system, staff from the City and Capital Metro presented information regarding the Project Connect System Plan, and approaches to governance and finance for Project Connect during a series of Joint Meetings of the City Council and Capital Metro Board.

The City Council took the following actions during the Joint Meetings:

June 10, 2020

Approved a resolution supporting the Project Connect System Plan and Locally Preferred Alternatives and directing the City Manager to amend the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (Ordinance No. 20190411-033) to add the System Plan Recommendation and Locally Preferred Alternatives.

July 27, 2020

Approved a resolution directing the City Manager to include 8.75 cents in the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 property (ad valorem) tax rate for the purposes of creating a dedicated fund for a local government corporation, to be created by the City of Austin and Capital Metro, to invest in the Project Connect System Plan and transit supportive investments, including \$300 million for transit-supportive anti-displacement strategies, and directing the City Manager to draft an interlocal agreement with Capital Metro for consideration by the City Council at a later date.

August 7, 2020 (votes reaffirmed on August 14, 2020)

- Authorized the execution of an interlocal agreement with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority for creation of a joint local government corporation to implement Project Connect.
- Established a “Contract with Voters” by approving a resolution relating to guidance on dedicating tax revenue and the terms of an interlocal agreement to be negotiated for the implementation of Project Connect for the November 2020 tax rate election.

The City Council also took action on August 14 to order a municipal election for voters to consider the 8.75-cent Project Connect tax rate.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
Randy Clarke, President and CEO of Capital Metro