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WHEREAS, public transportation is vital for residents without their own transportation to go from their dwellings to work, to the grocery store, or for other essential activities; and

24 **WHEREAS**, a partnership with CapMetro to show transit customers and the
25 community how to access grocery stores via public transportation would be
26 beneficial and help increase the health of the community; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan aims to promote the
28 availability of, and educate the community about, healthy food choices; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the health and environment strategic outcome of the Austin
30 Strategic Direction 2023 promotes a sustainable environment to live a healthy life,
31 physically and mentally; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

32 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

33 The City Council directs the City Manager to work with the non-profit
34 sector that supports food access and CapMetro to create and maintain a map
35 showing how CapMetro services connect to grocery stores.

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

37 The map created through this effort shall be shared broadly using City
38 resources and shared with private and non-profit partners who may be able to
39 increase awareness of the community, and the City Manager is directed to provide
40 the resource to CapMetro and encourage CapMetro to provide it as a resource to
41 their customers.

42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

43 The City Manager is directed to:

44 1. Send a letter to CapMetro encouraging the placement of grocery store
45 locations on transit maps and on transit route pamphlets or any relevant
46 informational maps, including apps and websites, for the benefit of residents who
47 are users of the public transportation operated by CapMetro, including the changes

48 detailed in this Resolution, and exploring opportunities to add a ‘grocery store
49 finder’, enrollment options for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,
50 and locations of food pantries and farmers markets with Double-Up Food Bucks to
51 the CapMetro app.

52 2. Initiate an amendment to Action Item 175 (Access to food and
53 markets, including grocery stores) in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan to work
54 with CapMetro to provide additional bus routes and increase the frequency of
55 routes that connect food deserts to healthy food options in Austin.

56 3. Initiate an amendment to Action Item 175 (Access to food and
57 markets, including grocery stores) in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan to work
58 with CapMetro to provide audible and visual announcements of healthy food
59 options for onboard passengers when buses stop at or near grocery store locations.

60 4. Provide a study assessing how to better connect low-access
61 communities directly to grocery stores. The results of this study and any
62 information about food deserts or food-access resources should be provided
63 frequently to CapMetro, the Austin Transportation and Public Works Departments,
64 and other transportation providers for consideration in their service and
65 infrastructure planning processes.

66 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

67 The City Manager is directed to provide the City Council with an update on
68 this resolution within 90 days of approval of this Resolution.

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70 ADOPTED: _____, 2022

ATTEST: _____

71 Myrna Rios
72 City Clerk