RESOLUTION NO.

2	WHEREAS, the City has an existential issue regarding the equitable access
3	and distribution of healthy food and recognizes that healthy food options are not
4	equally accessible throughout the City; and
5	WHEREAS, there is limited knowledge and information about healthy food
6	options within the metropolitan area and it is vitally important for this information
7	to be distributed across various mediums; and
8	WHEREAS, the City recognizes that there is uneven distribution of healthy
9	food alternatives in different portions of the community and that there is a dire
10	need for equitable access to foods in underserved portions of the area; and
11	WHEREAS, the City is located within the jurisdiction of the Capital
12	Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("CapMetro") and contains several routes
13	for public transportation that are vital to the interest of many residents of the City;
14	and
15	WHEREAS, the City believes that CapMetro may have resources that could
16	help inform residents within the jurisdiction where healthy food is available; and
17	WHEREAS, CapMetro has multiple ways of informing public
18	transportation users about routes including, but not limited to, LCD Screens on
19	public transportation, informational brochures on public transportation, and public
20	transportation routes displayed at terminals for public transportation; and
21	WHEREAS, public transportation is vital for residents without their own
22	transportation to go from their dwellings to work, to the grocery store, or for other
23	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.
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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 72	Myrna Rios City Clerk