



**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
FY23-2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 20230328-007  
AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION**

Date: March 28, 2023

Subject: FY23-24 Budget Recommendation – Affordable Transportation

Motioned by: Commissioner Jesus Perales      Seconded by: Commissioner Vanessa Maldonado

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**WHEREAS**, there is a significantly larger number of beds for homeless men in Austin than for homeless women, to the point that homeless women cannot find a safe place to spend the night without waiting days, or even weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO) is a coalition of service providers is collaborating in an effort to address the urgent lack of shelter beds for homeless women; and

**WHEREAS**, Cap Metro’s board of directors approved on July 25th, 2022 the Amp card which provides an equitable fare to public transportation users and offers reduced costs to those living below 200% of the federal poverty line or are enrolled in SNAP, WIC, CHIP, etc.

**WHEREAS**, Cities across the country have piloted free fare transportation programs as a way to support low income communities and to increase public transportation usage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission encourages the Austin City Council to work with Capital Metro to explore into models that can create short, medium, and long term solutions for those who cannot afford public transportation and those experiencing homelessness.

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**Vote**

Roll Call Vote: 7 – 0.

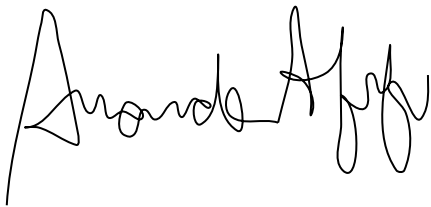
For: Commissioner Silva, Commissioner Afifi, Commissioner Maldonado, Commissioner Neri, Commissioner Perales, Commissioner Castañeda, and Commissioner Peña.

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Solis, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Vigil

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Afifi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amanda Afifi, Chair