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RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2019, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 20190808-078, declaring a climate emergency in the City and calling for an acceleration of the timeline for achieving the City's climate goals; and

WHEREAS, telework is a critical component in meeting the goals of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) and the Austin Climate Equity Plan; and

WHEREAS, telework significantly reduces the need for daily commuting, leading to a substantial decrease in carbon emissions from vehicles, thereby helping combat climate change; and

WHEREAS, the ASMP outlines clear transportation mode-shift goals for the City, along with goals for traffic demand management, reduction and elimination of free parking at City facilities, and promotes compact and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2019, Council approved Ordinance No. 20190411-033, adopting amendments to the ASMP as an amendment to the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, City Council approved the adoption of the Austin Climate Equity Plan, which sets a new community-wide goal of equitably reaching net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, including a goal that by 2030, 50 percent of trips in Austin be made using public transit, biking, walking, carpooling, or avoided altogether by working from home; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has expressed interest in providing recommendations on this matter and has not had an opportunity to have amendments considered by Council; and

26 **WHEREAS**, on October 24, 2023, the Planning Commission approved an
27 action, making recommendations to Council to initiate amendments to the Climate
28 Equity Plan and the ASMP related to the City’s telework policies; **NOW**,
29 **THEREFORE**,

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

31 Council affirms the City’s role as a leader and model employer in achieving
32 our long-term goals and that our comprehensive plans should reflect that role.

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

34 Council initiates amendments to the Climate Equity Plan and to the Imagine
35 Austin Comprehensive plan and elements or portions thereof, including the Austin
36 Strategic Mobility Plan, as recommended by the Planning Commission on October
37 24, 2023, in the attached **Exhibit “A.”**

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

39 Council directs the City Manager to draft the amendments based on the
40 proposed recommendations and submit the draft amendments for review to any
41 applicable boards or commissions as needed, including the Joint Sustainability
42 Committee and Planning Commission, with draft amendments to be returned for
43 Council consideration no later than February 15, 2024.

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45 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____
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Myrna Rios
City Clerk