RESOLUTION NO. 20240321-030

WHEREAS, the City seeks to reduce greenhouse gas and other harmful air pollution in the Austin region by supporting the promotion of alternate transportation options over driving alone through the implementation of Transportation Demand Management programs to proposing four complimentary strategies to help reduce vehicle miles traveled ("VMT") and associated greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the development of such programs to reduce VMT is especially critical because the Austin region is undergoing multiple extended roadway infrastructure construction projects over the next several years; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant ("CPRG") discretionary grant program, created by the Inflation Reduction Act and administered through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, provides a total of \$5 billion in federal grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas and other harmful air pollution; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the City's Office of Sustainability was awarded \$1 million to develop an Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area regional Priority Climate Action Plan, which consists of projects focused on greenhouse gas reductions developed in cooperation with City departments, regional stakeholders, and a Community and Stakeholder Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, through that process, the City's Office of Sustainability has identified programs related to commute alternatives during multiple extended infrastructure construction projects in Austin and Travis County that will be

pursued for competitive CPRG implementation grant funding; **NOW**, **THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to apply for funding of \$47.85 million in implementation grant funds from 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant discretionary grant in support of Transportation Demand Management programs related to commute alternatives during multiple extended infrastructure construction projects in Austin and Travis County.

ADOPTED: March 21, 2024 ATTEST: 6

Myrna Rios City Clerk