

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin recognizes that a federal economic stimulus effort that includes the possibility of federal funding for transportation improvements is under consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) has requested that the City submit a prioritized list of projects in anticipation of this funding, so that CAMPO and the City of Austin will be ready with well-planned “shovel-ready” projects that could enter construction quickly and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, these projects must meet the following federal mandatory requirements:

- Projects must be eligible for federal funding, i.e. if they involve the street network, the relevant street must be classified as an arterial or higher;
- Projects must be ready to bid by end of August 2009;
- Projects must create jobs; and

WHEREAS, the following additional criteria were used by the City of Austin Public Works Department and Transportation Department to prepare a proposed list of prioritized projects:

1. Project must provide job sustainability (continue to contribute to job creation and economic development once construction has concluded) via:
 - Providing regional connection;

- Providing local connection; and
- Providing travel alternatives to private vehicles.

2. Project can be leveraged for additional benefits:

- By generating ongoing revenue to the City of Austin;
- By reducing congestion or improving access to jobs, education or affordable housing;
- By improving the quality of life; and
- By improving the competitive position of the city or region relative to other communities.

3. Project provides multi-modal benefits:

- Bike/Pedestrian;
- Vehicles;
- Transit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approves of the criteria and wishes to submit the list of projects in Exhibit A to this resolution to CAMPO to be considered for inclusion in a regional request to the federal government;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The Council approves the prioritized list of transportation projects attached as Exhibit A, and the City Manager is directed to submit the list to the CAMPO Board to be considered for inclusion in a future request for funding from a national stimulus plan.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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