

## RESOLUTION BY THE 2010 TRANSPORTATION BOND CITIZEN TASK FORCE

**WHEREAS**, an efficient and effective multi-modal transportation system is vital to the city of Austin's economic prosperity and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Austin City Council directed the City Manager to prepare a bond proposal comprised of road, sidewalk, bicycle, trail and other mobility-related investments for a possible November 2010 election; and

**WHEREAS**, through meetings, presentations, and on-line data gathering, Austin citizens were asked to identify the values of the community that should be reflected in the selection of projects that might be included in a possible November 2010 election; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin citizens, nonprofit organizations, economic development interests, neighborhood associations, and governmental agencies identified more than 3,000 gaps through meetings, presentations, and on-line data gathering; and

**WHEREAS**, community input was further increased with the appointment of a nine-member Citizen Task Force to review the bond proposal and to make a recommendation to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, per direction of the City Manager, City Staff developed a process to consider both City Staff professional opinion and city of Austin residents' mobility-related values through "Measures of Effectiveness," resulting in the Prioritization of Needs used to rank, compare and select mobility-related projects to nominate for a possible November 2010 bond election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citizen Task Force invited the public to participate in the formulation of the bond proposal by holding six meetings, two work sessions and one public forum in the past two months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citizen Task Force recognizes the need to timely adopt multi-modal transportation projects to address, in part, significant mobility needs across the city of Austin and further improve the existing mobility system for city of Austin residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citizen Task Force has reached a conclusion on a bond recommendation that it wishes to forward to the City Council for its consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, after exhaustive deliberation and discussion the Citizen Task Force has additionally identified substantive recommendations that it wishes to forward to the City Council for its consideration in improving future mobility bond initiatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the 2010 Transportation Bond Citizen Task Force that the City Manager's Final Bond Recommendation is adopted.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, the Citizen Task Force additionally recommends the following:

1. These investments should be referred to as the ***Strategic Mobility Bond Package***, given the comprehensive and multimodal nature of the City Manager's Final Bond Recommendation;
2. Efforts to plan, fund, and implement collaborative mobility public and private partnerships with the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Capital Metro, other stakeholders, and the region's counties and municipalities that respond to regional mobility solutions should be encouraged and further accelerated;
3. Within current and prospective City planning, budgeting, and investment processes, additional emphasis should be placed on identifying additional funds and/or new funding sources that can be used to accelerate the pace at which the City meets, or exceeds, its 2018 goal of 80% of pavements rated in "Fair (C)" or better condition;
4. Additional emphasis should be placed on demand-side strategies that enhance congestion relief, longevity and alternative financing of the City's multimodal transportation network; and
5. Additional emphasis should be placed on aggressively identifying and securing funds from external sources, such as the Texas Department of Transportation and the US Department of Transportation, that enhance the safety of those traveling within the City's multimodal transportation network, and
6. Additional emphasis should be placed on aligning the City's overall mobility planning, design, funding, implementation, and investments strategies with those of the US Environmental Protection Agency, US Department of Transportation, US Housing and Urban Development, and other federal agencies in order to achieve compliance with air-quality standards and increase the opportunities and success of the City's efforts to secure additional external funding.
7. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, prior to proceeding with evaluation of the 2012 Comprehensive Plan bond package, or any bond package involving mobility-related improvements, the Citizen Task Force believes the following matters should be considered:
  - (a) Recommend City staff strongly consider obtaining greater and more geographically diverse community and business input, such as utilizing neighborhood associations, AISD, higher education institutions, prominent

employers, established business and community associations and other civic organizations; and

- (b) Request the City Council to advise the City Manager to further develop the Strategic Mobility Plan into multimodal transportation strategies with systemic mobility needs that identify corridors and transportation projects to move and balance across all modes in a manner consistent with city of Austin environmental, safety and system efficiency values; and
  - (c) Recommend City staff to inform citizens and future Citizen Task Force members as to the geographic collection and distribution of general obligation bond funds, as they relate to special tax exemptions or incentives, such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) zones or property tax abatements; and
  - (d) Recommend City staff to inform citizens and future Citizen Task Force members of multi-modal system usage by city of Austin residents as supported by quantitative and qualitative data regarding daily commute patterns, system mobility flow, general modal usage, and modal trends, etc; and
  - (e) Recommend City staff to convene future Citizen Task Forces earlier in the bond evaluation process in order to allow additional time for input and consideration of mobility data; and
  - (f) Request the City Council to direct the City Manager to use language in the bond covenants for this bond package that are flexible enough to take advantage of cost savings, changing economic conditions and available sources of financing to fully complete this proposed ***Strategic Mobility Bond Package***.
8. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Citizen Task Force recognizes that creating this bond package within the time allowed was a challenging process and, thus, extends sincere gratitude to City staff for their service, commitment and patience with this transportation bond process.