

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the City of Austin joined the Capital Area Texas Sustainability (CATS) Consortium, which has received a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Sustainable Places Project, which includes Demonstration Sites in Activity Centers.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin City Council desires to develop a Demonstration Site analytic project for the Austin Urban Rail Program located within the Central Austin and Mueller Activity Centers, through a two-year planning process that will integrate mobility options; expanded economic opportunities; housing choices; a healthy, inclusive community; and concentrated/balanced growth that preserves the surrounding natural environment and supports future growth of the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, City Council acknowledges the necessary commitment of reasonable resources to support the Demonstration Site planning process including meeting space, staff time, coordination with stakeholder groups, and

participation by city leadership in sharing best practices and case studies with other demonstration site leaders; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City acknowledges that all consulting and analytical services are being made available through funding from the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant via CAPCOG and there will be no direct cost to the city except for in-kind resources provided, nor will there be any funding provided directly to any city participating as a Demonstration Site; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City agrees, to seek extensive public involvement from the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan Stakeholders, individuals and organizations, in January 2012 to support this Demonstration Site evaluation, to ensure that the members understand the city's commitment to the two-year planning process and indicate their willingness to serve; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the importance of communities in the region implementing plans that focus growth to maximize existing assets and infrastructure while sustaining economic competitiveness and the unique qualities of the participating cities and counties including planning for mobility and housing based on where people live and work; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

1. A Sustainable Places Project Planning Demonstration Site application is hereby authorized to be filed on behalf of the City of Austin with the CATS Consortium.
2. City Council commits that members of the governing body and staff as appropriate will work with planning consultants selected by the CATS Consortium to engage stakeholders, facilitate public support, and formulate incentive plans for the designated Activity Center.
3. The city intends to adopt various improvement plans that are developed by the city during the planning process, possibly including capital improvements, incentive programs, regulations, and ordinances designed for the Activity Center.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk