

RESOLUTION NO. 20131107-045

WHEREAS, Central Texas, known for its quality of life, environmental resources and economic vitality, has seen its population grow by 475,000 within the CAMPO counties between 2000 and 2010 (from 1.284 million to 1.759 million population) and is expected to grow by an additional 380,000 by 2040; and

WHEREAS, to address the transportation needs of a growing Central Texas, it is important for the region to develop a multi-modal approach to expanding and improving its transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, as part of its efforts to address the transportation needs of the region, reconvened its Transit Working Group to consider the potential system design, organization and funding of high capacity transit in Central Texas through 2040; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Working Group of CAMPO has adopted a Project Connect "Vision" plan that confirms the role and importance of the Lone Star Rail District's LSTAR passenger rail service as a foundational investment in an integrated high capacity transit system in Central Texas, potentially serving up to eight of the region's cities and also linking to the City of San Antonio and subject to compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Working Group's "Vision" plan calls for each of the cities that are served by, and benefit from the System to participate by providing a "fair share" of local funding, including the City of Austin;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin wishes to provide the benefits of LSTAR passenger service to its citizens and has been a member of the Lone Star Rail District since March 25, 1998; and

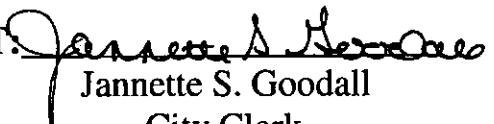
WHEREAS, on August 29, 2013, Council passed a resolution directing a negotiation with Lone Star Rail District to develop interlocal agreements in support of Lone Star Rail District by November 4, 2013; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is hereby directed to add an item to the November 19, 2013 Council work session agenda to provide a briefing to Council on the progress of the interlocal agreement negotiations between the City and Lone Star Rail District.

ADOPTED: November 7, 2013

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk