

## **CENTRAL CORRIDOR ADVISORY GROUP**

### **RESOLUTION ON CENTRAL CORRIDOR HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Project Connect: Central Corridor High-Capacity Transit Study was jointly initiated in 2013 by the City of Austin, Capital Metro Transportation Authority, and the Lone Star Rail District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Corridor Advisory Group (CCAG) was formed to advise the Mayor and the project team in prioritizing and defining a preferred alignment for the next high-capacity transit investment for the Central Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the CCAG charge is to ensure an open and transparent public process; and

**WHEREAS**, the CCAG charge is to assist the project team in a meaningful dialogue with the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Corridor project team identified, defined, and evaluated ten sub-corridors within the Central Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Corridor project team presented the results of their analysis to the public, stakeholder groups, and the CCAG, along with a Phase 1 recommendation to select the East Riverside and Highland sub-corridors for advancement to Phase 2 and the evaluation of alignments and modes; and

**WHEREAS**, the CCAG endorsed the project team Phase 1 recommendation of the East Riverside and Highland sub-corridors as the Central Corridor priority for further evaluation of alignment and mode, and selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) during Phase 2; and

**WHEREAS**, the CCAG recommended that the project team continue critical Central Corridor system level planning and project development, with special consideration of the next tier of sub-corridors, including East Austin, Lamar, and Mueller, along with a crosstown connection to MetroRapid and future LSTAR service at Seaholm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project Connect team has recommended a Locally Preferred Alternative of an urban rail transit mode on a route from the East

Riverside Corridor through the Downtown, Capitol Complex, and University of Texas Core to Highland for Phase 2 of the Central Corridor project;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed first line of urban rail directly addresses the regional and Central Corridor challenges and opportunities: Congestion, Core, Centers, Constraints, Growth, System, and Funding.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

The CCAG endorses the project team recommended Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) that serves East Riverside, Downtown, Capitol Complex, Medical School Complex, University of Texas, and Highland with urban rail.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The CCAG endorses the City of Austin and Capital Metro partnership approach to a) governance; and b) funding, which includes securing a matching federal funding commitment to build the proposed project, and an identifiable, secure source of combined City-Capital Metro projected Operating and Maintenance funds at levels that are sufficient to support the new urban rail service without adversely impacting the remaining portions of the transit system operations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The CCAG recommends that the project team pursue environmental clearance of the recommended LPA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The CCAG recommends the continued use of data to monitor population trends, demographics, existing transit ridership, and economic development activities as the LPA advances towards implementation.