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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR DISTRICT 2, DISTRICT 4, DISTRICT 6, DISTRICT 7, AND DISTRICT 10; ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

PART 1. A general municipal election shall be held in the City of Austin on November 8, 2016 to elect City Council Members for District 2, District 4, District 6, District 7, and District 10.

PART 2. A special election shall be held in the City of Austin on November 8, 2016 to consider the issuance of general obligation bonds for transportation and mobility. The Council establishes that the following bond proposition shall be presented to the voters at the special election:

PROPOSITION

Shall the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds and notes of the City for transportation and mobility purposes, to wit: planning, designing, engineering, constructing, reconstructing, renovating and improving roads, streets, sidewalks, bridges, bikeways, and other bicycle and pedestrian mobility infrastructure; improving traffic signal synchronization and control systems; acquiring and installing traffic signals; planning, designing, engineering, constructing, reconstructing, renovating and improving drainage facilities related to these improvements; acquiring land and interests in land and property necessary for these improvements; and all matters necessary or incidental thereto, with respect to:

(i) \$101,000,000 for Regional Mobility Projects to address congestion and enhance safety, including improvements to Loop 360 corridor, Spicewood Springs Road, Oak Hill Parkway, Anderson Mill Road, intersection of RM 620 and RM 2222, and Parmer Lane;

(ii) \$482,000,000 for Corridor Improvement Projects, including (a) implementation of corridor plans for North Lamar Boulevard, Burnet Road, Airport Boulevard, East Martin Luther King Boulevard/969, South Lamar Boulevard, East Riverside Drive, and Guadalupe Street; (b) implementation of a South Austin corridor; and (c) preliminary engineering and design for additional critical arterials and corridors; and

1 (iii) \$137,000,000 for Local Mobility Projects, including (a)
2 \$85,000,000 for implementation of the Sidewalk and Urban Trails
3 Master Plans and Safe Routes to School; (b) \$20,000,000 for
4 implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan; (c) \$15,000,000 for
5 implementation of the Vision Zero Master Plan; and (d)
6 \$17,000,000 for sub-standard streets/capital renewal;
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8 and in providing for the above public improvements, the City Council shall have
9 the option to utilize other funds available for such purposes and, after making due
10 provision for the improvements listed above, the City Council may, in its
11 discretion, use any excess funds for other transportation and mobility purposes, to
12 wit: planning, designing, engineering, constructing, reconstructing, renovating
13 and improving roads, streets, sidewalks, bridges, bikeways, and other bicycle and
14 pedestrian mobility infrastructure; improving traffic signal synchronization and
15 control systems; acquiring and installing traffic signals; planning, designing,
16 engineering, constructing, reconstructing, renovating and improving drainage
17 facilities related to these improvements; acquiring land and interests in land and
18 property necessary for these improvements; and all matters necessary or
19 incidental thereto; with the bonds and notes to be issued in one or more series or
20 issues, in the aggregate principal amount of \$720,000,000, to mature serially or
21 otherwise and bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the respective limits
22 prescribed by law at the time of issuance, and to be sold at the price or prices as
23 the City Council determines and shall there be levied and pledged, assessed, and
24 collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the City in an
25 amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on the bonds and notes and to provide
26 a sinking fund to pay the bonds and notes at maturity?
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28 **PART 3.** The Proposition will appear on the official ballot in substantially the following form,
29 and the ballot shall be prepared to permit voting “for” or “against” the Proposition:
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31 PROPOSITION
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33 The issuance of \$720,000,000 transportation and mobility improvement bonds
34 and notes for improvements to Loop 360 corridor, Spicewood Springs Road, Oak
35 Hill Parkway, Anderson Mill Road, intersection of RM 620 and RM 2222, Parmer
36 Lane, North Lamar Boulevard, Burnet Road, Airport Boulevard, East Martin
37 Luther King Boulevard/969, South Lamar Boulevard, East Riverside Drive, and
38 Guadalupe Street; implementation of a South Austin corridor, Safe Routes to
39 School, and other local mobility projects; and the levy of a tax sufficient to pay
40 for the bonds and notes.
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42 **PART 4.** Pursuant to Section 3.009, Texas Election Code: (i) the proposition language that will
43 appear on the ballot is set forth in Part 3, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds and notes are to be
44 authorized are set forth in Part 2, (iii) the principal amount of bonds and notes to be authorized is
45 set forth in Part 2, (iv) if the issuance of bonds and notes is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient,
46 within the limits prescribed by law, to pay the annual principal of and interest on the bonds and
47 notes and to provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds and notes may be imposed, as set forth in
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1 Part 2, (v) bonds and notes authorized pursuant to this ordinance may be issued to mature over
2 not to exceed 40 years from their date of issuance and bearing interest at the rate or rates (not to
3 exceed 15%), as authorized by law and determined by the Council, (vi) as of the beginning of the
4 City's current fiscal year, the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the City's debt
5 obligations was \$_____, and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the City's
6 debt obligations was \$_____, and (vii) the City's ad valorem debt service tax rate as of
7 the date of adoption of this ordinance is \$_____per \$100 of taxable property.
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9 Based upon market conditions as of the date of this ordinance, the maximum net effective
10 interest rate for any series of the bonds and notes is estimated to be_____% . Such estimated
11 maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the
12 interest rate at which the bonds and notes, or any series thereof, may be sold. In addition, the
13 estimate contained in this paragraph is (i) based on certain assumptions (including assumptions
14 concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds
15 and notes), (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions
16 prevailing at the time that the bonds and notes are issued differ from such assumptions and
17 projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 3.009, Texas
18 Election Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be
19 realized, and (iv) not intended to give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the
20 Council to issue bonds and notes in accordance with the Proposition submitted herein.
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22 **PART 5.** Pursuant to Resolution No. 20160623-083 adopted by Council on June 23, 2016, in
23 connection with the implementation of the proposed November 2016 Mobility Bond Program:
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25 (i) The City Manager shall bring forth recommendations for implementation of the proposed
26 November 2016 Mobility Bond Program, particularly corridor improvements, in ways that are
27 coordinated to maximize the preservation and development of affordable housing and local
28 businesses along the corridors, including, but not limited to, the use of Community Land Trusts,
29 Tax Increment Finance Zones along corridors, Homestead Preservation Zone tools, revisions to
30 the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program, and targeted investments on the corridors utilizing Affordable
31 Housing Bonds and the Housing Trust Fund;
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33 (ii) The City Manager shall bring forth recommendations for implementation of the proposed
34 November 2016 Mobility Bond Program, particularly the corridor improvements, in ways that
35 reduce congestion, maximize level of service and minimize delay at intersections for all modes
36 of travel, and maximize connectivity, while also maximizing the effectiveness of transit
37 operations within these corridors and throughout the transportation system;
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39 (iii) As the corridor plans are designed and implemented, the City Manager shall prioritize
40 improvements that make corridors livable, walkable, safe, and transit-supportive, and adhere to
41 the principles and metrics in Imagine Austin, with goals of reducing vehicle miles traveled,
42 increasing transit ridership and increasing non-vehicular trips, and promoting healthy, equitable,
43 and complete communities as growth occurs on these corridors;
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45 (iv) The City Manager shall revisit the existing corridor plans during the initial implementation
46 phase after bonds have been authorized by the voters to ensure that their final design and
47 implementation conforms with the region's most recently adopted transportation plans, and

1 recently adopted policies and standards for transportation infrastructure design, including, but
2 not limited to:

- 3 a) Capital Metro Connections 2025;
- 4 b) Capital Metro Service Guidelines and Standards;
- 5 c) Project Connect Regional High Capacity Transit Plan;
- 6 d) City of Austin Strategic Housing Plan;
- 7 e) City of Austin Transit Priority Policy;
- 8 f) City of Austin Strategic Mobility Plan;
- 9 g) City of Austin Complete Streets Policy;
- 10 h) City of Austin Sidewalk Master Plan;
- 11 i) City of Austin Urban Trails Master Plan;
- 12 j) City of Austin Bicycle Master Plan;
- 13 k) Vision Zero Plan; and
- 14 l) Applicable National Association of City Transportation Officials standards;

15 (v) Funding for sidewalks included in Local Mobility Projects should prioritize creation of safe
16 routes to schools and neighborhood connections to transit; and

17 (vi) Funding for sidewalks included in Local Mobility Projects should be divided in half, with
18 half of the funds going toward the implementation of the Sidewalk Master Plan and the other half
19 of the funds divided evenly between each Council District to be spent on implementation of Safe
20 Routes to School. City staff will work with Council offices, local school officials, and parent
21 groups to adopt a Safe Routes to School plan which is appropriate for each individual school.

22 **PART 6.** The precincts and locations of the election day polling places; the dates, hours, and
23 locations of the early voting places; and the names of the officers appointed to conduct the
24 election are provided in Exhibits A-G attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance.

25 **PART 7.** A direct electronic recording voting system, as the term is defined in Title 8 of the
26 Texas Election Code, shall be used for early voting and for voting conducted on election day.
27 The central counting station is established at the Travis County Elections Division, 5501 Airport
28 Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

29 **PART 8.** (i) Notice of the elections shall be given by posting and publishing a copy of this
30 ordinance in both English and Spanish. A copy of this ordinance shall be posted, in both English
31 and Spanish, in three public places and at the City Hall notice kiosk not later than the 21st day
32 before election day. The posting at City Hall shall be accompanied by a cover page, at the top of

1 which shall appear the words "NOTICE OF A MUNICIPAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL
2 ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 2016." Notice of the elections shall be published, not earlier
3 than the 30th day before the date of the elections, in a newspaper of general circulation
4 on the same day in each of two successive weeks, with the first publication occurring
5 before the 14th day before the date of the elections.
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7 (ii) A copy of this ordinance shall be posted, in both English and Spanish, on election
8 day and during early voting by personal appearance, in a prominent location at each
9 polling place.
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11 (iii) This ordinance shall be posted on the City's website, in both English and Spanish,
12 during the 21 days before the elections.
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14 **PART 9.** In accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the November 8,
15 2016 municipal elections may be held jointly with the various political subdivisions that
16 share territory with the City of Austin and that are holding elections on that day. The City
17 Clerk may enter and sign joint election agreements with other political subdivisions for
18 this purpose, and their terms as stated in the agreements are hereby adopted.
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20 **PART 10.** The Council finds that the need to immediately begin required preparations for
21 this election constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes
22 effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
23 health, and safety.
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25 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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31 Steve Adler
32 Mayor

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34 **APPROVED:** _____
35 Anne L. Morgan
36 City Attorney

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38 **ATTEST:** _____
39 Jannette S. Goodall
40 City Clerk

41 *Exhibits A – G to be updated*
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- 43 *Exhibit A: Ordinance No. _____*
44 *Exhibit B: Election Day Polling Places*
45 *Exhibit C: Election Day Presiding Judges and Alternate Judges*
46 *Exhibit D: Early Voting Polling Places*

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Exhibit E: Central Counting Station Staff
Exhibit F: Early Voting Ballot Board
Exhibit G: Joint Election Agreements

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