WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) has for 80 years provided deeply subsidized housing to extremely low-income residents at Chalmers Courts; and

WHEREAS, HACA also provides affordable housing at 18 other properties across the city; and

WHEREAS, the average monthly rent of a HACA resident is approximately $200; and

WHEREAS, Chalmers Courts is located in Central East Austin, in close proximity to downtown where many business and hospitality employers provide thousands of job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, residents at Chalmers Courts can easily walk, ride their bike, or take transit from Saltillo Plaza to jobs in downtown Austin; and

WHEREAS, Chalmers Courts is one block away from the transit station at Saltillo Plaza; and

WHEREAS, inclusion in the transit oriented development (TOD) would enhance the opportunities for Chalmers Courts to grow from 158 units to many more affordable units, expanding the number of low-income families living in or moving back to rapidly gentrifying East Austin; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The Council initiates amendments to the Plaza Saltillo TOD Regulating Plan consistent with Code Section 25-2-766.23 (Amendments to Station Area Plan) that would extend the plan’s boundaries to include the Chalmers Courts site of the
Housing Authority of the City of Austin within the boundaries of Chicon Street, East 4th Street, East 3rd Street, and Comal Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to process the amendments within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED: ____________, 2017                      ATTEST: __________________________________________

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk