

RESOLUTION NO. 20100819-008

WHEREAS, the City of Austin recognizes the vital importance of a regional commitment to sustainability for Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, as the principal city of the region, the City of Austin has endeavored to ensure that its own programs, services, policies and operations advance the goals of regional sustainability, through efforts including the Austin Climate Protection Plan, Zero Waste Plan, Strategic Mobility Plan, Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, and Capital Improvement Plan among others; and

WHEREAS, a similar commitment to principles of sustainability and livability has been made by the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development and of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency, working together in a Partnership for Sustainable Communities; and

WHEREAS, under the auspices of this Partnership, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is currently seeking applications from regional consortia across the nation for funding through Regional Sustainability Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, the terms of this unique federal funding opportunity require that the principal city in a region (as defined by the boundaries of a Metropolitan Statistical Area or Metropolitan Planning Organization) participate as a member of that region's consortium; and

WHEREAS, more than a dozen public, private and non-profit organizations in Central Texas, led by the Capital Area Council of Governments, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)

and Envision Central Texas, as well as the City of Austin, have come together to develop a proposal to seek funding under this grant program; and

WHEREAS, the program of work being developed for this application includes several key initiatives that will help promote regional sustainability, including the development of an advanced analytical network for modeling and monitoring performance in multiple areas, including among others transportation, housing, economic development, education and resource management, to support effective planning and investment for sustainable neighborhoods and activity centers throughout Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program of work also includes specific investments in demonstration planning projects to expedite the growth and development of regional activity centers as defined in the CAMPO 2035 long-range transportation plan and its underlying growth concept; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program of work also includes measures to strengthen collaboration and integration of local and regional plans for sustainability, while still preserving the role of local governments to make the appropriate decisions for their citizens and communities; and

WHEREAS, these proposed efforts would be beneficial not only to the region as a whole but to the specific programs and operations of the City of Austin; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council authorizes participation in the Central Texas regional consortium which intends to apply to the U.S. Department of Housing and

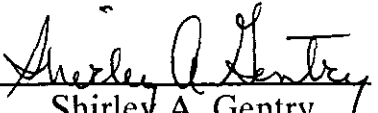
Urban Development (HUD) for a joint HUD, Department of Transportation, and Department of Energy Sustainability Regional Planning Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is authorized to execute a letter of support and agreement attesting to the City of Austin participation.

ADOPTED: August 19, 2010

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk