COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Urban Transportation Commission

Recommendation Number: 20160809-04A: Advancement of Implementation of a Future Urban Rail Minimum Operable Segment (MOS)

WHEREAS, the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) has voiced its recommendation for implementation of urban passenger rail in the City of Austin in several resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the UTC has received entreaties via personal testimony and through written comments calling for the implementation of urban passenger rail service in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That should the anticipated 2016 City of Austin transportation bond proposition not include project development funding for urban passenger rail in Austin, the Urban Transportation Commission recommends the Austin City Council direct the City Manager to robustly participate, and provide all possible methods of support to any high-capacity transit planning undertaken in the region, including, but not limited to, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan; the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s Central Corridor Study; and any transit planning under the direction of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The City of Austin’s involvement in these efforts should have the clear goal of identifying a proposed first investment in a Minimum Operable Segment (MOS) of a comprehensive urban passenger rail system, no later than 2018, that is befitting the will of Austin citizens and accompanied by a thorough and complete financial plan detailing the fastest and most feasible route to implementation.

Date of Approval: 8/9/16

Record of the vote: 10 - 0, Johnson absent

Attest: ____________________________

(Staff or board member can sign)