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29 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin’s Land Development Code does not provide
30 for the design and permitting of linear construction required for mobility and transit
31 facilities that encompass large areas, include subsurface and above-ground elements,
32 and span multiple zoning districts and watersheds;

33 **WHEREAS**, greater flexibility and more carefully tailored regulations are
34 required to facilitate construction of Project Connect;

35 **WHEREAS**, City staff routinely interprets and applies City Code to
36 development and capital improvement applications;

37 **WHEREAS**, the Land Development Code, existing regulations, criteria, and
38 procedures should be flexibly applied to facilitate construction of Project Connect
39 to the greatest extent possible until existing requirements can be amended;

40 **WHEREAS**, there are Project Connect MetroRapid and MetroRail projects
41 currently moving forward in advance of the Orange and Blue Line light rail projects;
42 and

43 **WHEREAS**, motor vehicle trip conversion to high-capacity transit and other
44 sustainable modes yields benefits to the environment;

45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
46 **CITY OF AUSTIN:**

- 47 1. The City Council directs the City Manager to:
- 48 a. Review City Code, including, but not limited to, the Land Development
- 49 Code, Criteria Manuals, and permitting procedures to identify
- 50 impediments to the design, construction, implementation, and operation of
- 51 Project Connect;
- 52 b. Develop new regulations and procedures to address the impediments and
- 53 assure implementation and construction of Project Connect consistent with
- 54 the sequence plan approved in the Contract with Voters in a manner

cognizant of other City policies, including commitments in the Project Connect Joint Powers Agreement and consistent with environmental protections in various adopted plans, including but not limited to those that identify the range of environmental benefits than can be achieved by reducing single occupancy motor vehicle trips;

- c. Present any Code amendments necessary to accomplish the goals of Paragraphs 1.a and 1.b to City Council no later than April 2022; and
- d. After Council adoption of Code amendments, follow appropriate procedures to issue any rules necessary to implement the Code amendments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Until City Council adopts new or amended Code provisions, the City Council directs the City Manager to interpret and apply existing requirements to Project Connect permits and approvals in a manner that considers the framework established by the Contract with the Voters, and other applicable City policies while working to support implementation of Project Connect.

ADOPTED: _____ 2021 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk