

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

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

61 c. Present any Code amendments necessary to accomplish the goals of
62 Paragraphs 1.a and 1.b to City Council no later than April 2022; and

63 d. After Council adoption of Code amendments, follow appropriate
64 procedures to issue any rules necessary to implement the Code
65 amendments.

66 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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

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

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