

**RESOLUTION NO. 20201218-002**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 431 of the Texas Transportation Code, known as the Texas Transportation Corporation Act, (the “Act”), and Chapter 394 of the Texas Local Government Code (“Chapter 394”) authorize the creation of a joint local government corporation to aid and act on behalf of local governments to accomplish a governmental purpose of the local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 394 requires, as a condition to the creation of a joint local government corporation, that three residents of each sponsoring local government who are citizens of the state and at least 18 years of age submit a written application for the incorporation of the joint local government corporation with the Articles of Incorporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas (the “City Council”) and the Board Members of the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (the “Capital Metro Board”) have determined that Austin is unable to meet growing demands for safe, reliable, and efficient transportation, and that the lack of a complete transit system results in increased traffic congestion, increased travel time, and limits access to jobs, schools, and hospitals for people in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Capital Metro Board have recognized the benefits of a high capacity transit system and determined that implementation of the Project Connect System Plan and Locally Preferred Alternatives for the Orange, Blue, Gold, Green, and MetroRapid Lines will create an integrated transit system that eases traffic, creates jobs, improves the environment, acquires land for transit-oriented development, and better connects people in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the City of Austin also recognized the benefits of a high capacity transit system by approving a ballot measure at the November 3, 2020 special election to provide dedicated funding to an independent board to oversee the implementation of the Project Connect System Plan, including investment in transit-supportive anti-displacement strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, as reflected in an approved interlocal agreement by both parties, the City of Austin (“City”) and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“Capital Metro”) desire to jointly create a local government corporation to be named the Austin Transit Partnership Local Government Corporation (“ATP”) to aid the City and Capital Metro and act on their behalf to accomplish the governmental purpose of implementing the Project Connect System Plan and Locally Preferred Alternatives for the Orange, Blue, Gold, Green, and MetroRapid Lines; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has received an application that meets the requirements of the Act and Chapter 394, requesting the creation of ATP, and desires to grant the application, approve the proposed Articles of Incorporation of ATP, approve its Bylaws, confirm the appointment of the joint corporation’s initial members of the Board of Directors (“ATP Board”), and take such other actions as the City deems appropriate; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

- I. The recitals of facts contained in the preamble of this Resolution are found and declared to be true and correct and are adopted as part of this Resolution for all purposes.
- II. The City Council determines it to be wise, expedient, necessary, and

advisable that a local government corporation, to be named the Austin Transit Partnership Local Government Corporation, be created to aid and act on behalf of the City and Capital Metro to accomplish a governmental purpose by implementing the Project Connect System Plan and Locally Preferred Alternatives for the Orange, Blue, Gold, Green, and MetroRapid Lines (to be included in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, the transportation element of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, as directed in Resolution No. 20200610-002).

- III. The City Council authorizes the creation and incorporation of the Austin Transit Partnership Local Government Corporation under the Act and Chapter 394.
- IV. The City Council approves the Articles of Incorporation attached as **Exhibit A** and authorizes the incorporators of ATP to file the Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in the manner provided by law.
- V. The City Council confirms the appointment of the persons listed in the Articles of Incorporation to serve as the initial members of the ATP Board to begin completing the duties of ATP as agreed to in the interlocal agreement approved by both parties.
- VI. The City Council approves the Bylaws of ATP on that are attached as **Exhibit B**.
- VII. The City Council directs and declares that the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the ATP may be amended from time to time by the ATP Board as long as both the City Council and Capital Metro Board



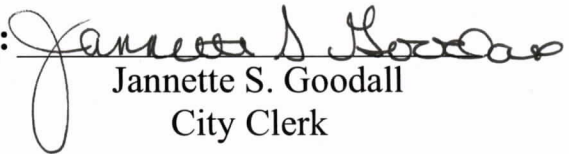
approve of such amendments, and they are in accordance with the Act, Chapter 394 and other applicable law.

VIII. The City Council directs that ATP comply with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, and the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code as required by the Act.

IX. The City Council authorizes and directs the City Manager and all other City officials and employees to perform all such acts as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Resolution.

**ADOPTED:** December 18, 2020

**ATTEST:**

  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk

## **Exhibit A**

### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION**

The undersigned natural persons, each of whom is at least eighteen (18) years of age or more, is a resident of the City of Austin, Texas (the "City") and of the service area of the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("Capital Metro"), and is a citizen of the State of Texas, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the provisions of Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Texas Transportation Code ("Chapter 431"), Chapter 394, Texas Local Government Code. ("Chapter 394"), and Chapter 22, Business Organizations Code ("Chapter 22"), do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the corporation is the Austin Transit Partnership Local Government Corporation (the "Corporation").

#### **ARTICLE II. PUBLIC NON-PROFIT**

The Corporation is a public non-profit corporation.

#### **ARTICLE III. DURATION**

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE IV. PURPOSES, ACTIVITIES**

The Corporation shall be incorporated to aid and to act on behalf of the City and Capital Metro to accomplish their governmental purpose; namely to implement the Project Connect System Plan ("Project Connect") as it is more particularly described in Capital Metro Resolution No. AI-2020-1273 and City Resolution 20200610-02, and as each resolutions may from time to time be amended or supplemented. The Corporation is to be the principal entity responsible for financing, designing, building, implementing, and contracting with Capital Metro to operate and maintain assets funded by the Joint LGC in a manner independent of the City and Capital Metro. The implementation of Project Connect is comprised of the financing, design, engineering, and construction of a fixed rail and bus rapid transit system, including customer technology, park & ride hubs, on-demand neighborhood circulators, and associated improvements to roadways, bikeways, sidewalks and street lighting. Project Connect also comprises transit-supportive anti-displacement strategies for the purpose of preventing displacement and encouraging transit-oriented affordable housing along Project Connect transit corridors. The Corporation shall implement Project Connect in accordance with the Initial Investment Map and associated Implementation Sequence Plan, as modified from time to time jointly by Capital Metro and the City. To accomplish said purpose, in the exercise of its powers, the Corporation shall be authorized to:

1. Contract with persons, governmental entities, and with for-profit and non-profit entities, and employ individuals, for the purposes of implementing Project Connect, conducting the administrative operations of the Corporation, and to enter into interlocal agreements with Capital Metro for the operation and maintenance of assets

constructed by the Corporation;

2. Acquire and hold title to real and personal property and interests in real and personal property, and sell real and personal property;
3. Procure professional and other services necessary for the design, construction, financing, and permitting of Project Connect;
4. Accept funds and property appropriated by the City and Capital Metro and by other entities;
5. Apply for grants of funds, services, and things of value and to accept awards of such grants;
6. Accept donations of funds, services and things of value;
7. Issue bonds, notes, and other debt obligations as necessary for the accomplishment of the implementation of Project Connect as stated above; and
8. Engage in other lawful activities to accomplish the implementation of Project Connect as stated above.

The Corporation is formed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 431 as it now or may hereafter be amended and in the manner specified by Chapter 394, which authorize the Corporation to assist and act on behalf of the City and Capital Metro to accomplish any governmental purpose of the City and Capital Metro and to engage in activities in the furtherance of the purposes for its creation.

The Corporation shall have and exercise all of the rights, powers, privileges, authority, and functions given by the general laws of the State of Texas to non-profit corporations incorporated under Chapter 431, including, without limitation, the powers granted under Chapter 22.

The Corporation shall have all other powers of a like or different nature not prohibited by law which are available to non-profit corporations under Chapter 22 and which are necessary or useful to enable the Corporation to perform the purposes for which it is created.

The Corporation is created as a local government corporation pursuant to Chapter 431 and shall be a governmental unit within the meaning of Subdivision (3), Section 101.001, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. The operations of the Corporation are governmental and not proprietary functions for purposes of the Texas Tort Claims Act, Section 101.001 *et seq.* Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

## **ARTICLE V. NO MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall have no members and shall have no stock.

## **ARTICLE VI. BOARD**

All powers of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors ("Board") consisting of five persons, each of whom must reside in either the City of Austin or Capital Metro's service area, one of whom shall be a member of the City Council of the City of Austin ("City Council") (the "City Council Director"), one of whom shall reside in Capital Metro's service area and be a member of the Capital



Metro Board of Directors (“Capital Metro Board”) (the “Capital Metro Director”), and three of whom shall be community expert members, all of whom must reside in the City, as follows: one member shall have expertise in finance, one member shall have expertise in engineering & construction, and one member shall have expertise in community planning or sustainability (“Community Expert Directors”). More specifically, the Community Expert Directors, respectively, shall meet the following criteria:

Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 10 years of experience in finance, financial management, banking, or investing with a focus on large capital projects; and</li> <li>• Experience with budgets over \$250M and/or comparable academic financial policy experience.</li> </ul>
Engineering & Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 10 years of experience in engineering or construction of large capital projects in any sector (transit, energy, industrial, commercial); and</li> <li>• Experience with multiple projects over \$100M (price/value/cost) or \$250M cumulative.</li> </ul>
Community Planning or Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 10 years of experience in urban planning, community planning, equitable Transit Oriented Development (eTOD), sustainability, and/or environmental planning; and</li> <li>• Experience with community engagement with preferably three (3) to five (5) years of specific experience.</li> </ul>

The five (5) initial Directors are identified in Article IX below.

Succeeding Community Expert Directors shall be selected through a nomination and appointment process wherein qualified members of the community shall submit an application to the Corporation, which will provide the applications that meet the criteria to the Nominating Committee (as defined below). The Nominating Committee will consist of the chairs of the City Council Audit & Finance Committee, City Council Mobility Committee, Capital Metro Finance, Audit and Administration Committee, and Capital Metro Operations, Planning and Safety Committee (the “Nominating Committee”). At the discretion of the Nominating Committee, City Council and Capital Metro Board, alternate forms of experience or qualifications may be substituted to meet the experience requirements above. After review of the applications provided by the Corporation, the Nominating Committee shall recommend a slate of three applicants based on their qualifications, while also considering Austin’s diversity, and an applicant’s ability to consider wholly Project Connect’s benefits and potential impacts particularly on vulnerable communities aimed to be served by transit. The City Council and the Capital Metro Board shall, upon their joint approval of the slate, jointly appoint succeeding Community Expert Directors as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

The City Council shall appoint each Director who succeeds the initial City Council Director, and the Capital Metro Board shall appoint each Director who succeeds the initial Capital Metro Director. Each Director who succeeds the initial City Council Director must be a member of the City Council or a resident of the City of Austin, and each Director who succeeds the initial Capital Metro Director must be a resident of the Capital Metro Service area.

The initial City Council Director and initial Capital Metro Director and each subsequent City Council Director and Capital Metro Director shall serve for a term of two years. Each initial Community Expert Director, and each subsequent Community Expert Director, shall serve for a term of four years or until his or her successor is appointed and has qualified. Initial Directors and succeeding Directors may be reappointed.

A Director may be removed from the Board by a resolution approved by a majority vote of the City Council and the Capital Metro Board finding that the Director has committed one or more of the acts or omissions described in section 7.001(c) of the Business Organizations Code and described in Article XI, below.

A Director may be removed from the Board by a resolution approved by a majority vote of the City Council and Capital Metro Board finding that the Director is derelict in his or her duties by either: (i) failing to attend four consecutive scheduled meetings, including any combination of annual meetings, regular meetings, or special meetings; or (ii) failing to attend one-third or more of scheduled meetings during any fiscal year of the Corporation, including any combination of annual meetings, regular meetings, or special meetings, unless the Director can show good cause for the absences.

The failure of the Board to proceed with a directed dissolution of the Corporation in accordance with this Article XIV of these Articles of Incorporation shall be deemed a cause for the removal from office of any or all of the Directors.

In the event of a vacancy or vacancies in the Board, whether caused by removal, resignation, death, mental or physical incapacitation, or any other reason (other than due to the expiration of a Director's term), the City Council and the Capital Metro Board shall jointly appoint a Director or Directors to fill the vacancy or vacancies. The term of a Director appointed to fill an unexpired term shall expire on the expiration date of the term of the Director who he or she was appointed to replace.

The Board shall select a chair and a vice chair by a majority vote of Board members.

A change in the number of Directors can be made only by an amendment to these Articles of Incorporation.

The City Manager or his or her designee from the City Manager's Office is a non-voting ex-officio Director of the Corporation. Capital Metro shall not have an ex-officio Director of the Corporation. The initial Executive Director of the Joint LGC will be the Capital Metro President & CEO.

## **ARTICLE VII. REGISTERED OFFICE, AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 700 Lavaca St. Austin, Texas 78701, which is within the city limits of the City and the service area of Capital Metro, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Kerri Butcher, Capital Metro Chief Counsel, an individual who is a resident of Texas.

## **ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATORS**

The names and street addresses of the incorporators, each of whom is more than 18 years of age and resides within both the City and Capital Metro's service area, are:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS
Annick Beaudet	301 W. 2nd Street Austin, Texas 78701
Eric Bustos	2910 E. 5th Street Austin, Texas 78702



Cheyenne Krause	301 W. 2nd Street Austin, Texas 78701
Anna Martin	301 W. 2nd Street Austin, Texas 78701
Jackie Nirenberg	2910 E. 5th Street Austin, Texas 78702
Sam Sargent	2910 E. 5th Street Austin, Texas 78702

### **ARTICLE IX. INITIAL BOARD**

The names and street addresses of the initial Directors, each of whom resides either within the City or Capital Metro's service area, are:

POSITION	NAME	STREET ADDRESS
1. City Council Member	Steve Adler	301 W. 2nd Street Austin, Texas 78701
2. Capital Metro Board Member	Eric Stratton	2910 E. 5th Street Austin, Texas 78702
3. Community Expert (Finance)	Antony ("Tony") Elkins	1507 Richcreek Road Austin, Texas 78757
4. Community Expert (Engineering & Construction)	Veronica Castro de Barrera	4229 Mattie Street Austin, Texas 78723
5. Community Expert (Community Planning or Sustainability)	Collette Pierce Burnette	801 W. 5th Street #1903 Austin, Texas 78703

### **ARTICLE X. ADOPTION OF APPROVING RESOLUTION**

Resolutions approving the form of these Articles of Incorporation have been adopted by the City Council on December 18, 2020, and by the Capital Metro Board on December 18, 2020.

### **ARTICLE XI. LIMITED LIABILITY**

No Director shall be liable to the Corporation for monetary damages for an act or omission in the Director's capacity as a Director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the Director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith that constitute a breach of duty of the person to the Corporation or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for any transaction from which the Director received an improper benefit, regardless of whether the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the Director's duties, or (iv) for acts or omissions for which the liability of a Director is expressly provided by an

applicable statute. Any repeal or amendment of this Article shall be prospective only, and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a Director existing at the time of such repeal or amendment. In addition to the circumstances in which a Director is not personally liable as set forth in the preceding sentences, a Director shall not be liable to the fullest extent permitted by any amendment to the Texas statutes hereafter enacted that further limits the liability of a Director.

## **ARTICLE XII. INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall have the power to indemnify any director or officer or former director or officer of the Corporation for expenses and costs (including attorneys' fees) actually and necessarily incurred by such director or officer in connection with any claim asserted against such director or officer for such director's or officer's acts or omissions as a director or officer, except in relation to matters as to which such director or officer shall have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in respect of the matter in which indemnity is sought. If the Corporation has not fully indemnified such director or officer, the court in the proceeding in which any claim against such director or officer has been asserted or any court having the requisite jurisdiction of an action instituted by such director or officer on such director's or officer's claim for indemnity may assess indemnity against the Corporation, its receiver, or trustee for the amount paid by such director or officer (including attorneys' fees) in satisfaction of any judgment or settlement of any such claim (exclusive in either case of any amount paid to the Corporation), actually and necessarily incurred by such director or officer in connection therewith in an amount the court considers reasonable and equitable; provided, nevertheless, that indemnity may be assessed under this Article XII only if the court finds that the person seeking indemnification was not guilty of negligence or misconduct in respect of the matter in which indemnity is sought.

## **ARTICLE XIII. TAX MATTERS; DISSOLUTION**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), and regardless of any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation or the laws of the State of Texas, the Corporation: (i) shall not permit any part of the net earnings of the Corporation to inure to the benefit of any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for personal services rendered to or for the Corporation in effecting one or more of its purposes); (ii) shall not direct any of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise; (iii) shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office; and (iv) shall not attempt to influence the outcome of any election for public office or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drives. Any income earned by the Corporation after payment of reasonable expenses, debt, other obligations, and such reserves as may be necessary as set forth in the authorizing documents related to the issuance of debt by the Corporation shall accrue to the City and Capital Metro as agreed to by the City Council and the Capital Metro Board.

The City and Capital Metro shall, at all times, have an unrestricted right to receive any income earned by the Corporation, exclusive of amounts needed to cover reasonable expenses, debt or obligations and such reserves as may be necessary as set forth in the authorizing documents related to the issuance of debt by the Corporation. Any income of the Corporation received by the City and Capital Metro shall be deposited into such accounts or funds as determined by the City Council and the Capital Metro Board. No part of the Corporation's income shall inure to the benefit



or any private interests.

If the Board determines by resolution that the purposes for which the Corporation was formed have been substantially met and all bonds issued by and all obligations incurred by the Corporation have been fully paid, the Board shall execute a certificate of dissolution which states those facts and declares the Corporation dissolved in accordance with the requirements of Section 394.026 of the Texas Local Government Code, or with applicable law then in existence. In the event of dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, the net earnings of the Corporation and funds and properties of the Corporation shall be disbursed to the City and Capital Metro for deposit into such accounts or funds as the City Council and the Capital Metro Board shall direct.

#### **ARTICLE XIV. PRIVATE FOUNDATION**

If the Corporation is a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Corporation (a) shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; (b) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; (c) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; (d) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and (e) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **ARTICLE XV. DIRECTED DISSOLUTION**

The City Council and Capital Metro Board may at any time consider and approve resolutions directing the Board to proceed with the dissolution of the Corporation, at which time the Board shall proceed with the dissolution of the Corporation in accordance with applicable state law. The failure of the Board to proceed with the dissolution of the Corporation in accordance with this Article shall be deemed a cause for the removal from office of any or all of the Directors as permitted by Article VI of these Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE XVI. PUBLIC INSTRUMENTALITY**

The Corporation is a constituted authority and a public or governmental instrumentality within the meaning of the regulations of the United States Treasury Department and the rulings of the Internal Revenue Service prescribed and promulgated pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Corporation is authorized to act on behalf of one or more governmental entities as provided in these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation is not a political subdivision or political authority of the State of Texas within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including, without limitation, Article III, Section 52 of the Texas Constitution, and no agreement, bond, debt, or obligation of the Corporation shall be deemed to be the agreement, bond, debt, or obligation, or the lending of credit, or a grant of public money or thing of value, of or by the City or Capital Metro or any other political subdivision or authority or agency of the State of Texas, or a pledge of the faith and credit of any of them. No action of the Corporation shall be an action of the City or Capital Metro or their agents or employees, and neither these Articles of Incorporation nor any action by the Board, the City Council, or the Capital Metro Board shall create a joint enterprise.



## **ARTICLE XVII. AMENDMENT**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in either of the following manners: (1) the Board may file with the City Council and the Capital Metro Board an application in writing requesting permission to amend the Articles of Incorporation, specifying in the application the amendment proposed to be made, and the City Council and the Capital Metro Board, after considering the application and each finding and determining that it is wise, expedient, necessary, or advisable that the proposed amendment be made, may authorize by resolution that the proposed amendment be made and approve the form of the amendment, and then the Board may amend the Articles of Incorporation by adopting the amendment by resolution at a meeting of the Board and filing the amendment with the Office of the Texas Secretary of State, or (2) the City Council and the Capital Metro Board may jointly, at any time, alter or change the structure, organization, programs, activities, or duration of the Corporation, subject to any limitations on the impairment of contracts entered into by the Corporation, by adopting an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation at a meeting of the City Council and of the Capital Metro Board and filing the amendment with the Office of the Texas Secretary of State.

## **ARTICLE XVIII. EFFECTIVE DATE; AUTHORIZATION TO FILE**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective when fully executed and filed by the Office of the Texas Secretary of State. The undersigned affirm that the person designated as initial registered agent herein has consented, either in electronic or written form, to the appointment. Each of the undersigned executes this instrument subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument and certifies under penalty of perjury that he and she is authorized to execute this instrument.

## **ARTICLE XIX. OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

All other matters pertaining to the internal affairs of the Corporation and not addressed in these Articles of Incorporation shall be governed by the Bylaws of the Corporation, so long as such Bylaws are not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation or the laws of the State of Texas.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands this 18th day of December 2020.

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 18th day of December 2020, by each of the foregoing signatories, each being duly sworn on his or her oath that he or she is an individual residing in the City of Austin, Texas and within Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's service area.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 18th day of December 2020.

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Notary Public, State of Texas

## **Exhibit B**

### **BYLAWS OF THE AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION**

#### **ARTICLE 1 Name, Offices, and Purposes**

##### **1.1 Name.**

The name of the corporation is the Austin Transit Partnership Local Government Corporation (the “Corporation”).

##### **1.2 Offices.**

The Corporation may have, in addition to its registered office, offices at such places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or as the activities of the Corporation may require.

##### **1.3 Purposes.**

The Corporation shall be incorporated to aid and to act on behalf of the City of Austin (“City”) and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“Capital Metro”) to accomplish their governmental purpose; namely to implement the Project Connect System Plan (“Project Connect”) as it is more particularly described in Capital Metro Resolution No. AI-2020-1273 and City Resolution 20200610-02, and as each resolutions may from time to time be amended or supplemented. The Corporation is to be the principal entity responsible for financing, designing, building, implementing, and contracting with Capital Metro to operate and maintain assets funded by the Joint LGC in a manner independent of the City and Capital Metro. The implementation of Project Connect is comprised of the financing, design, engineering, and construction of a fixed rail and bus rapid transit system, including customer technology, park & ride hubs, on-demand neighborhood circulators, and associated improvements to roadways, bikeways, sidewalks and street lighting. Project Connect also comprises transit-supportive anti-displacement strategies for the purpose of preventing displacement and encouraging transit-oriented affordable housing along Project Connect transit corridors. The Corporation shall implement Project Connect in accordance with the Initial Investment Map and associated Implementation Sequence Plan, as modified from time to time jointly by Capital Metro and the City. To accomplish said purpose, in the exercise of its powers, the Corporation shall be authorized to:

1. Contract with persons, governmental entities, and with for-profit and non-profit entities, and employ individuals, for the purposes of implementing Project Connect, conducting the administrative operations of the Corporation, and to enter into interlocal agreements with Capital Metro for the operation and maintenance of assets constructed by the Corporation;



2. Acquire and hold title to real and personal property and interests in real and personal property, and sell real and personal property;
3. Procure professional and other services necessary for the design, construction, financing, and permitting of the Plan;
4. Accept funds and property appropriated by the City and Capital Metro and by other entities;
5. Apply for grants of funds, services, and things of value and to accept awards of such grants;
6. Accept donations of funds, services and things of value;
7. Issue bonds, notes, and other debt obligations as necessary for the accomplishment of the governmental purpose stated above; and
8. Engage in other lawful activities to accomplish the governmental purpose stated above.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Board of Directors**

#### **2.1 Management.**

Subject to the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, management of the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested in the directors, who together constitute the Board of Directors (the “Board”).

#### **2.2 Qualifications, Appointment and Removal.**

The qualifications of the directors, as well as the procedures for their appointment and removal, shall be prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation.

#### **2.3 Annual Meetings.**

The Board shall meet at least annually at a time and place in the City designated by resolution of the Board.

#### **2.4 Regular Meetings.**

The Board may provide for regular meetings by resolution stating the time and place of such meetings.

#### **2.5 Special Meetings; Emergency Meetings.**

Special and emergency meetings of the Board shall be held whenever called by the Chair of the Board or by a majority of the directors who are serving duly appointed terms of office at the time the meeting is called.

The Secretary shall give notice of each special meeting in person, by telephone, electronic transmission (e.g., facsimile transmission or electronic mail), or mail at least three (3) days before the meeting to each director. Notice of each emergency meeting shall also be given in the manner required under Chapter 551, Texas Government Code (the “Open Meetings Act”). For purposes of these Bylaws, an “emergency meeting” is a meeting of the Board to consider a circumstance that, in the absence of immediate action by the Board, may have a material, adverse impact upon the Corporation. The person(s) calling the special or emergency meeting shall provide the Secretary of the Corporation with a statement of the reason(s) for the meeting, which statement shall be included in the notice of the meeting.

## **2.6 Notice of Meetings of the Board.**

The Board shall meet in accordance with and file notice of each meeting of the Board in the same manner as required of the City Council of the City and Capital Metro’s Board of Directors (“Capital Metro’s Board”) under the Open Meetings Act. Notice of each meeting shall be posted by the Secretary of the Board at the same location. Additional notice of each meeting may be posted at one or more other locations.

## **2.7 Manner of Conducting Meetings.**

All directors necessary to provide a quorum of the Board must be physically present at a meeting to conduct business, unless otherwise provided by law.

At the meetings of the Board, matters pertaining to the purposes of the Corporation shall be considered in such order as the Board may determine.

At all meetings of the Board, the Chair shall preside, and in the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall preside. In the absence of the Chair and the Vice Chair, an acting presiding officer shall be chosen by the Board from among the directors present.

The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Board, but in the absence of the Secretary, the presiding officer may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

## **2.8 Quorum.**

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the consideration of matters pertaining to the purposes of the Corporation. Ex-officio directors shall not count for the purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. If at any meeting of the Board there is less than a quorum present, business of the Board shall not be conducted. The act of a majority of the directors shall constitute the act of the Board, unless the act of a greater number is required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws.

## **2.9 Compensation.**

Directors, as such, shall not receive any salary or compensation for their services as Directors; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude a Director from receiving reimbursement of actual expenses incurred in connection with the business

affairs of the Corporation, and no such reimbursement of expenses shall be made unless approved by the Board.

## **2.10 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest.**

Each Director shall comply with: (i) Section 22.230 of the Business Organizations Code; and (ii) applicable provisions of Chapter 171 of the Local Government Code (“Chapter 171”), including disclosure of a substantial interest, as defined by Chapter 171, in a business entity or in real property.

## **2.11 Duties.**

Directors shall discharge their duties with ordinary care and in a manner each director reasonably believes to be in the Corporation’s best interests. In this context, “ordinary care” means the care that ordinarily prudent persons in similar positions would exercise under similar circumstances. In discharging their duties, directors may rely in good faith on information, opinions, reports, or analyses, including financial data, prepared or presented by persons reasonably appearing to be qualified in such matters. A director is not relying in good faith if he or she has knowledge that renders such reliance unwarranted or unreasonable. Directors are not deemed to have the duties of trustees of a trust with respect to the Corporation or with respect to property held or administered by the Corporation, including property subject to restrictions imposed by a donor or other transferor of the property.

# **ARTICLE 3 Officers**

## **3.1 Titles and Term of Office.**

The officers of the Corporation shall be the Chair, the Vice Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Executive Director, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time elect or appoint as described in section 3.7 below. One person may hold the position of one or more offices for the Corporation except that neither the Chair nor the Executive Director may also hold the office of Secretary. Capital Metro’s President and CEO is hereby appointed to serve as the initial Executive Director. The term of office for each officer shall be two years commencing with the date of the annual meeting of the Board at which each such officer is elected. Officers may be re-elected or re-appointed.

## **3.2 Chair.**

The initial and each succeeding Chair of the Board (the “Chair”) shall be elected as provided by the Articles of Incorporation. The term of office for the initial Chair shall be two years commencing with the date of the first annual meeting of the Board, which shall be the Corporation’s organization meeting for purposes of section 22.104 of the Business Organizations Code.

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board. In furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation and subject to the limitations contained in the Articles of Incorporation, the Chair may, upon authorization by resolution of the Board, sign and execute all bonds, notes, deeds,



conveyances, franchises, assignments, mortgages, contracts, and other instruments of any kind in the name of the Corporation.

### **3.3 Vice Chair.**

The initial and each succeeding Vice Chair of the Board (the “Vice Chair”) shall be elected as provided by the Articles of Incorporation, and shall be a member of the Board. The term of office for the initial Vice Chair shall be two years commencing with the date of the first annual meeting of the Board.

The Vice Chair shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chair upon the Chair’s death, absence, disability, or resignation, or upon the Chair’s inability to perform the duties of his or her office. Any action taken by the Vice Chair in the performance of the duties of the Chair shall be conclusive evidence of the absence or inability to act of the Chair at the time such action was taken.

### **3.4 Executive Director.**

The Executive Director of the Corporation shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Corporation. The Executive Director may sign, with the Secretary, the Chair, or any other proper officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board, all bonds, notes, deeds, conveyances, franchises, assignments, mortgages, contracts and other instruments of any kind in the name of the Corporation which the Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board, or by these Bylaws, or by statute, to some other officer or agent of the Corporation. In general, the Executive Director shall perform all duties prescribed by the Board from time to time. The Executive Director shall not be a member of the Board.

### **3.5 Secretary.**

The Board shall elect the Secretary of the Corporation (the “Secretary”) to keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board in one or more books provided for that purpose, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law, be custodian of the Corporation records, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board or the Chair. The Secretary of the Corporation shall serve at the discretion of the Board, and may be removed as Secretary by the Board at any time, with or without cause. The Secretary need not be a member of the Board.

### **3.6 Treasurer.**

The Board shall elect the Treasurer of the Corporation (the “Treasurer”), who shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation, receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Corporation for any source whatsoever, deposit all such monies in the name of the Corporation in such banks as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned

by the Chair or by the Board. The Treasurer of the Corporation shall serve at the discretion of the Board, and may be removed as Treasurer by the Board at any time, with or without cause. The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board.

### **3.7 Other Officers.**

The Board may appoint other officers of the Corporation and other authorized representatives of the Corporation, who shall have the powers and duties as may be delegated by the Board. Such additional officers and authorized representatives shall serve at the discretion of the Board, and may be removed by the Board at any time, with or without cause.

### **3.8 Compensation.**

Officers may be entitled to receive such salary or compensation for personal services which are necessary and reasonable in carrying out the Corporation's purposes as the Board may from time to time determine, provided that in no event shall the salary or compensation be excessive. Board members, even if officers, are not entitled to compensation except as otherwise provided in Article II, Section 2.9. However, nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude an Officer from receiving reimbursement of actual expenses incurred in connection with the business affairs of the Corporation, but no such reimbursement of expenses shall be made unless approved by the Board.

### **3.9 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest.**

Each Officer shall comply with: (i) Section 22.230 of the Business Organizations Code; and (ii) applicable provisions of Chapter 171 of the Local Government Code ("Chapter 171"), including disclosure of a substantial interest, as defined by Chapter 171, in a business entity or in real property.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **Contracts; Financial Matters; Seal**

### **4.1 Fiscal Year.**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence on October 1 and end on September 30 each year.

### **4.2 Contracts.**

The Board may authorize any officer or officers or agent or agents of the Corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

### **4.3 Deposits.**

All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited to the credit of the Corporation in a state or national bank or other federally insured depository institution selected by the Board, subject to and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 105, Texas Local Government Code

and, as applicable, the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code.

#### **4.4 Payment of Funds.**

All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board. In the absence of such determination by the Board, such instruments shall be signed by the Secretary or Treasurer and countersigned by the Executive Director, or the Chair in the absence of the Executive Director.

#### **4.5 Audits.**

The Board shall cause to be maintained a proper and complete system of records and accounts of all transactions, business, and affairs of the corporation. Within a reasonable time after the end of each fiscal year, the Board shall cause the preparation of a financial statement for the Corporation, which shall be audited by an independent certified public accountant or firm of independent certified public accountants retained by the Board for such purpose.

#### **4.6 Books and Records.**

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board. All books and records may be inspected by representatives of the City and Capital Metro at any reasonable time.

#### **4.7 Seal.**

The Board may but is not required to adopt a corporate seal in such form and to be used in such manner as may be approved by the Board.

### **ARTICLE 5 General Provisions**

#### **5.1 Supremacy of Articles of Incorporation.**

These Bylaws are subject to and governed by the Articles of Incorporation.

#### **5.2 Amendment.**

A proposal to alter, amend, or repeal these Bylaws may be made by the affirmative vote of a majority of the full Board at any annual or regular meeting, or at any special meeting if notice of the proposed amendment be contained in the notice of said special meeting. However, any proposed change or amendment to the Bylaws must be approved by both the City Council of the City and Capital Metro's Board to be effective.

#### **5.3 Effective Date.**

These Bylaws shall be effective when: (i) adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the



directors at a meeting of the Board, provided that notice of the proposed adoption shall have been received by each director at least five business days before the said meeting; and (ii) approved by resolution adopted by both the City Council of the City and Capital Metro's Board.