

RESOLUTION NO. R-13-12-05-__

WHEREAS, the Transit Working Group (TWG), a sub-committee of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), has been deliberating for many months on issues of regional mobility and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the TWG has been supported by many other regional agencies, private partners and political leaders during their deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas' regional population is projected to double in the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the TWG, the general public, and business leaders all agree that traffic congestion is a serious problem that threatens our region's economic health and quality of life and needs to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, a poorly planned regional transportation system affects the opportunity to attract good quality, high paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, while we recognize that Round Rock is largely a suburban community in which automobile travel is still desired and necessary, we also understand that long term transportation solutions must consider regional, high-capacity transit options that complement an expanded traditional road network; and

WHEREAS, the TWG and their Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members have determined that the North and Central corridors are the highest priority for regional high-capacity transit based on travel demand and high ridership potential, land use, economic development, employment and travel patterns; and

WHEREAS, high-capacity transit projects should favor and maximize the use of dedicated rights-of-way and other means of gaining a travel time advantage where financially and practically reasonable; and

WHEREAS, to be successful, future high-capacity transit projects must provide an effective and reasonable alternative to driving, providing quality competitive trips between and within the CAMPO adopted regional activity centers and seamless connectivity between multiple high-capacity components; and

WHEREAS, to get our support for any specific project or transit system component, such proposed project or system must demonstrate financial feasibility to our community members satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the TWG agrees that any community in the region that chooses to participate, should participate financially for benefiting from a regional transit system; and

WHEREAS, the TWG found that the Project Connect effort to plan, fund and operate a regional high- capacity transit system as a "Single System" provides a solid framework that should be further considered; Now Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS,

That the City of Round Rock supports the visioning map produced by the Transit Working Group, as a critical framework for continuing to analyze and conduct additional discussion to identify specific projects necessary to create a sustainable, scalable, regional, multimodal transportation system that can become part of the CAMPO 2040 Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the City of Round Rock urges CAMPO to have the Transit Working Group continue working to analyze the many options related to the development of a complete regional transportation system, including but not limited to the planning, implementation, and funding of the system, considering the most creative utilization of federal and private dollars possible, thereby conserving local funds and tax dollars, which recognizes each community's individuality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the City Council supports the necessary activities of CAMPO, the TWG, and other agencies in the ongoing discussion of a complete regional transportation system so that the region can continue to attract the most desirable jobs available while addressing commuter challenges and the negative effects of congestion.

The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

RESOLVED this 5th day of December, 2013.

ALAN MCGRAW, Mayor
City of Round Rock, Texas

ATTEST:

SARA L. WHITE, City Clerk