GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 04-37

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("CTRMA") was created pursuant to the request of Travis and Williamson Counties (the "Counties") and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 46 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.01, et. seq. (the "RMA Rules"); and

WHEREAS, the Counties pursued formation of the CTRMA in order to fund and develop transportation improvements throughout the region to help solve the current mobility crisis and to improve the quality of life for residents of Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, the 78th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3588 clarifying the scope of RMA powers with the intent that transportation planning and development of roadways in Texas become more connected to local communities and subject to increased local control; and

WHEREAS, CTRMA staff, working in partnership with the Austin District of the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT"), developed a proposed "CTRMA/TxDOT Regional Implementation Program" (the "Program") which provides for the funding and development of various transportation system improvements to improve mobility throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Program required amendments to the "2025 Transportation Plan" and the "Transportation Improvement Program" by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization ("CAMPO"); and

WHEREAS, the CTRMA endorsed and approved the Program at a public meeting held on April 12, 2004, and formally presented the Program to CAMPO at its April 12, 2004 meeting; and

WHEREAS, CAMPO held a public hearing on May 10, 2004, for the purpose of receiving public input on the Program and also received written comments through June 25, 2004; and

WHEREAS, CTRMA Executive Director and the authority's community outreach team participated in more than 50 presentations and community meetings after the Program was endorsed by the CTRMA Board of Directors and prior to consideration by CAMPO; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT representatives participated in many of those meetings and also engaged in independent community outreach activities as well; and

WHEREAS, CAMPO voted to approve the Program on July 12, 2004, after adopting several resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Program represents a tremendous opportunity for the region to secure the funding necessary to make meaningful improvements to transportation infrastructure and to take significant steps to solve the current mobility crisis; and

WHEREAS, this opportunity is the result of a strong working relationship with TxDOT and a new approach, encouraged by the Texas Transportation Commission and reflected in the goals of House Bill 3588, for increasing local control over transportation infrastructure decisions; and

WHEREAS, the CTRMA will continue to need the support and resources of TxDOT as the authority moves forward to implement the Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CTRMA commends the efforts of TxDOT Austin District Engineer Bob Daigh, for his efforts in working with the CTRMA in developing the Program and working towards its implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board and the Executive Director are authorized to make a presentation to the Texas Transportation Commission to report on the Program and to seek such support and assistance as may be necessary to assure expeditious implementation of the Program.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 28th day of July, 2004.

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Chairman, Board of Directors

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