

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-023

**SUPPORT FOR KRAMER STATION RELOCATION BY CAP METRO AND
AUTHORIZATION FOR POSSIBLE FINANCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (“Mobility Authority”) was created pursuant to the request of Travis and Williamson Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.01, et. seq. (the “RMA Rules”); and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority is authorized to design and construct transportation projects to improve mobility throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“Cap Metro”) provides mass transit services in the region and, as part of the transit options it offers, operates its 32-mile MetroRail commuter rail line from downtown Austin to Leander; and

WHEREAS, one of the stops on the MetroRail line is the Kramer Station which, because of an unfavorable location that is not adjacent to existing development, is plagued by low ridership, poor multimodal access, and difficult bike and pedestrian connections, and

WHEREAS, Brandywine Realty Trust (“Brandywine”) has a proposed a mixed-use development in the area, and Charles Schwab (“Schwab”) is developing a corporate campus that will be the site of up to 5000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Cap Metro is partnering with Brandywine and Schwab in an effort to relocate the Kramer Station to a location with access to multi-modal connections; walkable blocks; close proximity to employment, housing, and entertainment options; and with a facility that will include a pedestrian plaza connecting the station to the development; and

WHEREAS, the Kramer Station relocation aligns with Imagine Austin (the City of Austin’s Comprehensive Plan), and the City has designated the area around the proposed new Kramer Station as a “Regional Center”, based on density, the nature of the development, and accessibility to multimodal transportation options; and

WHEREAS, Cap Metro is pursuing funding for the Kramer Station relocation in conjunction with Brandywine and Schwab, and it also intends to apply for a grant under the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (“BUILD”) program administered by the US Department of Transportation to support a portion of the relocation costs; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority fully supports the efforts of Cap Metro to secure BUILD grant funding and to advance the Kramer Station relocation project; and

WHEREAS, in the event that funding is not obtained through the BUILD program the Mobility Authority may be able to make funding available for a portion of the project costs, subject to repayment from Cap Metro and/or its development partners;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board fully supports the Kramer Station relocation project as well as the efforts to Cap Metro to secure a BUILD grant to pay for a portion of the project costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the event additional funding is required for the project, the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate with Cap Metro and the other development entities to make funding available for a portion of the project improvements and/or to construct a portion of those improvements, subject to repayment of such funding on fair and reasonable terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any agreements related to funding and/or work performed by the Mobility Authority will be subject to approval by the Board.


Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 27th day of June, 2018.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:



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