



September 11, 2010

Resolution in Support of Nov. 2010 City of Austin
Transportation Bonds, (Proposition 1)

WHEREAS, Creating transportation options to improve mobility and accessibility is a critical component to improving the quality of life of the people of Austin; and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin has proposed a \$90 million mobility bond package to be brought before the voters in November of 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Mobility Bond projects are the result of a successful Strategic Mobility Plan public process which identified transportation needs during thirty open public meetings; and

WHEREAS, For the first time, Austin used an innovative Mobility Project Prioritization Process to evaluate projects based on key community objectives, including efficiency, regional coordination, mobility choices, sustainable growth, investment and economic development, safety, environmental stewardship, and neighborhood connectivity; and

WHEREAS, This Project Prioritization Process led to a groundbreaking mix of proposed projects that balances automobile and bicycle/pedestrian use, increases overall mobility by expanding transportation choices, improves access to transit stations, and improves safety and accessibility for Austinites in every stage or condition of life; and

WHEREAS, In addition to needed road improvements to the "Y" in Oak Hill and IH-35, the proposed bonds will fund pedestrian and bicycle investments, complete the east/west connection for the Town Lake Trail, and build sidewalks for safe routes to schools; and

WHEREAS, The bond package goal of providing immediate congestion relief results in 77% of the projects designed to be implemented within two years of passage, with the balance targeted to longer-term improvements; and

WHEREAS, The bond package respects existing economic conditions, with 100% of its funding relying on existing bond capacity that requires no tax increase; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Mobility Bond is the first step toward the proposed 2012 comprehensive bond, which will integrate and leverage other critical transportation investments, including rail, to make Austin a more livable city for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of Liveable City endorses the 2010 Mobility Bond and urges the citizens of Austin to support its passage in the November election.

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