



Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors Resolution
Meeting Date: 1/21/2026
ATP-2026-001

Subject: Approval of a resolution recognizing the federal environmental process for Austin Light Rail Phase 1 and directing related actions to ensure compliance.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Executive Summary: The Austin Transit Partnership ("ATP") Board of Directors adopted the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan (Resolution ID: ATP-2023-012) on June 6, 2023, identifying Austin Light Rail Phase 1, a 9.8-mile light rail line serving Austin residents. Austin Light Rail Phase 1 is anticipated to receive federal financial assistance under the Federal Transit Administration's ("FTA") Capital Investment Grants ("CIG") program. To qualify for CIG program assistance, Austin Light Rail Phase 1 is subject to the environmental review and related requirements, including the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) ("NEPA").

In accordance with NEPA and FTA's implementing regulations, FTA published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Austin Light Rail Phase 1 in the Federal Register on January 19, 2024, formally initiating the federal environmental review process. A robust public engagement process contributed to the development of Austin Light Rail Phase 1, including a 45-day scoping period with six public meetings at the onset of the NEPA process, a 60-day public comment period on the Draft EIS that included four public hearings on the DEIS, and other stakeholder meetings, resulting in approximately 2,500 comments. On January 16, 2026, FTA issued a combined Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision (FEIS/ROD), documenting compliance with NEPA and related mitigation commitments, and identifying Austin Light Rail Phase 1 as the selected alternative for the purposes of federal environmental approval and future federal funding eligibility. This Resolution directs ATP staff to take all actions necessary to ensure full compliance with all requirements of FTA's Record of Decision, including mitigation commitments.

Procurement Summary: Does not apply.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Summary: Does not apply.



**RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

ATP-2026-001

WHEREAS, with the joint concurrence of the City of Austin (the "City") Council and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("CapMetro") Board of Directors, the Austin Transit Partnership ("ATP") Board of Directors adopted the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan (Resolution ID: ATP-2023-012) on June 6, 2023, identifying Austin Light Rail Phase , a 9.8-mile light rail line serving Austin residents; and

WHEREAS, Austin Light Rail Phase 1 is anticipated to receive federal financial assistance under the Federal Transit Administration's ("FTA") Capital Investment Grants ("CIG") program (49 U.S.C. § 5309) and potentially other federal funding sources; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for CIG program assistance, Austin Light Rail Phase 1 is subject to the environmental review and related requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) ("NEPA"), Federal Transit Law (49 U.S.C. Chapter 53), and related statutes and regulations governing the environmental review of major transportation projects, including Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. § 303), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306101), Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (16 U.S.C. § 460l-4 et seq.), and other applicable federal environmental statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, ATP is the lead local agency and project sponsor with respect to the completion of the NEPA federal environmental clearance process for Austin Light Rail Phase 1 and is responsible for working with FTA to obtain an FTA Record of Decision for the approved locally preferred alternative for Austin Light Rail Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NEPA and FTA's implementing regulations at 23 CFR Part 771, FTA published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Austin Light Rail Phase 1 in the Federal Register on January 19, 2024, formally initiating the federal environmental review process; and



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WHEREAS, consistent with the federal environmental review requirements described above, FTA and ATP jointly released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for Austin Light Rail Phase 1 on January 10, 2025, analyzing a No Build Alternative and a Build Alternative, and assessing their potential environmental effects; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the federal environmental review requirements described above, a robust public engagement process ensued, including a 60-day public comment period on the DEIS that included four public hearings and other stakeholder meetings, resulting in approximately 2,500 comments; and

WHEREAS, On January 16, 2026, FTA issued a combined Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision ("FEIS/ROD") documenting compliance with NEPA and related mitigation commitments, and identifying Austin Light Rail Phase 1 as the selected alternative for the purposes of federal environmental approval and future federal funding eligibility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon issuance of such FEIS/ROD, ATP staff are hereby directed to take all actions necessary to ensure full compliance with all requirements of the FEIS/ROD, including any mitigation commitments or other actions set forth in the FEIS/ROD.

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Interim Secretary of the Board

1/22/2026 | 3:09 PM PST

Date