Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors Resolution
Meeting Date: 3/22/2023
ATP-2023-007
Approval of a resolution directing the Executive Director to develop
a process for an ATP governance review

Subject: Approval of a resolution directing the Executive Director to develop a process to conduct a review related to ATP's governance as recommended by the Community Advisory Committee.

Fiscal Impact: Does not apply.

Responsible Department: Legal.

Executive Summary: The voters of the City of Austin, in recognition of the benefits of Project Connect, approved a ballot measure (Proposition A) at the November 3, 2020 election to provide dedicated funding to an independent board to oversee the implementation of the Project Connect System Plan, including investment in transit-supportive anti-displacement strategies. The City of Austin City Council and CapMetro Board created ATP to serve as the independent entity contemplated by Proposition A. This resolution directs the Executive Director to create a process for conducting a review of ATP's governance as recommended by the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee at the March 1, 2023, ATP Board meeting.

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

Resolution ID: ATP-2023-*007*

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    WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Austin, in recognition of the benefits of Project Connect, approved a ballot measure (Proposition A) at the November 3, 2020 election to provide dedicated funding to an independent board to oversee the implementation of the Project Connect System Plan, including investment in transit-supportive anti-displacement strategies; and

    WHEREAS, the City of Austin City Council and CapMetro Board created ATP to serve as the independent entity contemplated by Proposition A; and

    WHEREAS, the Eno Center for Transportation conducted an independence review of ATP's governance and leadership, and emphasized that "good governance is critical to the successful delivery of any megaproject" (the Eno Report); and

    WHEREAS, the Eno Report recommended that the parties take the time to analyze roles and responsibilities throughout the program, define ATP's independence, and remain accountable to the community; and

    WHEREAS, the ATP Board of directors has determined that it is in the best interest of Project Connect to develop a process to conduct a review related to ATP's governance to ensure the ability for ATP to act as an independent local government corporation charged with financing, designing, constructing, and implementing Project Connect; and

    WHEREAS, the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee sent a recommendation to ATP, CapMetro, and the City of Austin, which was shared at the March 1, 2023 ATP Board meeting, wherein they asked the partners, among other things, "to further delineate roles and responsibilities for each party in a manner that leads to a successful Project Connect and further details ATP as the principal entity responsible for implementing the project in an independent manner" and "identify concerns related to board structure and appointments and move forward with joint action by the three governing bodies to advance comprehensive governance changes";

    NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of ATP that the Executive Director is hereby directed to develop a process to conduct a review related to ATP's governance as recommended by the Community Advisory Committee in Exhibit A, attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process should include a definition of ATP's independence (as recommended in the Eno Report), a process to evaluate the Technical Advisory Committees and their Charters, and a clear delineation of the roles of responsibilities of the partners in Project Connect.

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Brandon Carr

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Secretary of the Board

3/28/2023

Date