

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE TRANSIT 2.0 INITIATIVE AS LED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND FUNDED BY THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (“DART”) was created by the Texas Legislature more than forty years ago in 1983; and

WHEREAS, DART provides regional transportation services to its member cities, being Addison, Carrollton, Cockrell Hill, Dallas, Farmers Branch, Garland, Glenn Heights, Highland Park, Irving, Richardson, Rowlett, Plano, and University Park (“Member Cities”); and

WHEREAS, all DART member cities contribute one cent of the sales and use tax to DART, as approved by voters, which is currently under review by Ernst & Young as to fair share allocation among member cities; and

WHEREAS, with the 40th anniversary of DART last year, now is an appropriate time for the region to revisit the strategic goals and desired outcomes of regional transit as well as evaluate the funding model; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas (“City Council”) acknowledges and embraces that the growth of the Dallas-Fort Worth region requires an efficient transit solution in order to provide predictable, cost effective, safe, and reliable mobility for residents and businesses to meet the population growth expectations over the next forty years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that DART’s presence in the City of Carrollton, Texas (“City”) provides a key component of a sustainable transit solution as well as economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the value of the North Central Texas Region’s three Transit Agencies, including DART and its commitment to continuous process improvement, providing safe and efficient operations, and returning value to the taxpayers and communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is supportive of the Transit 2.0 initiative, which is led by the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and intended to develop and support a transit solution for the entire Dallas-Fort Worth, North Central Texas region in response to the area’s unprecedented growth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1

All of the above premises are found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council, and they are hereby approved, ratified and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Section 2

The City Council adopts a position of support of the Transit 2.0 initiative, as led by the North Central Texas Council of Governments and funded by the Regional Transportation Council and the intent of the initiative to bring forth a revised view of transit in meeting the needs of the future for current Member Cities and creating a compelling value proposition to expand membership to meet the needs of the future.

Section 3

The City Council encourages collaborative regional efforts inherent in Transit 2.0 to reduce cost of service, reduce sales tax subsidies among current member cities, expand membership and market share to non-member cities, potentially change funding, ensure equitable representation in among member cities on the governing board and ensure value and safe transit for residents today and in the future.

Section 4

The City Council encourages the DART board to implement a plan supportive of Transit 2.0 to reduce the current sales tax subsidy of member cities by 25%.

Section 5

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 16, 2024.

CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS

Steve Babick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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