

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE NORTH TEXAS COMMISSION’S DART BOARD GOVERNANCE RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO THE TRANSIT 2.0 INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

WHEREAS, the North Texas Commission (“NTC”) is an independent, neutral group assisting with the discussions regarding regional transportation planning issues in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in response to the Transit 2.0 Initiative led by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (“NCTCOG”), which is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization in accordance with the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (“DART”) was created by the Texas Legislature more than forty years ago in 1983 and has a representative attending NTC meetings; 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, during the September 4, 2025, regular meeting, at which representatives from DART and all Member Cities were present, NTC assigned six city managers to a subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”) to study governance issues on the DART board related to representation of Member Cities with the Subcommittee being comprised of representatives from Dallas, Garland, Irving, Plano, Richardson, and Rowlett; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee met numerous times in September and October, and during the November 13, 2025, NTC meeting, the Subcommittee presented a unanimous recommendation, subject to Member Cities’ council approval, for proposed legislation to amend the membership structure of the DART board; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation provides that each Member City has at least one (1) representative with a weighted vote, in proportion to the Member City’s population relative to the population of the DART Member Cities population as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carrollton (“City”) has a population of approximately 136,000, representing roughly 6% of the population of the Member Cities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas (“City Council”) adopted Resolution 4861 on July 16, 2024, supporting NCTCOG’s Transit 2.0 initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the value of the Subcommittee’s unanimous recommendation to revitalize the DART board structure and give voices to each of the Member Cities; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee is revising the final weighted vote of each Member City, but in no instance will any Member City have a weighted vote in excess of 49.9% and every Member City will have at least one (1) representative with a weighted vote in proportion to the Member City's population; and

WHEREAS, the City Council continues to support the Transit 2.0 initiative, and finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Carrollton to adopt the governance recommendation of the Subcommittee and request the Texas Legislature amend Transportation Code chapter 452 to reflect the governance revisions; 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 supports the unanimous recommendation to amend the DART board governance structure as part of the Transit 2.0 initiative, as led by the North Central Texas Council of Governments and proposed by the North Texas Commission and the submission to the Texas legislature of legislation to revise chapter 452 of the Texas Transportation Code to reflect the governance revisions to meet the needs of the future for current Member Cities.

Section 3

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026.

CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS

Steve Babick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Meredith A. Ladd, City Attorney