ACCEPTING THE OCTOBER 2023 WORKING COMMITTEE REPORTS, FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT REPORTS, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, certain committees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") held meetings in October 2023; and

WHEREAS, each such committee has provided the Board of Directors with a monthly committee report; and

WHEREAS, the materials for this meeting of the Board of Directors include certain finance and audit-related reports and supporting documents, including the Compliance Report for the period ended September 30, 2023, the October 2023 Sales & Use Tax Report, the September 2023 Investment Report, the September 2023 Debt Report, the September 2023 Monthly Performance Report, and the Monthly Report of the Chief Financial Officer dated October 19, 2023 (collectively, the "Finance and Audit materials"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed such materials, including the September 2023 Investment Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby accepts the October 2023 Finance and Audit Committee, Administration Committee, Capital and Strategic Planning Committee, Joint Development and Land Use Committee and Public Safety, Customer Service & Operations Committee monthly reports and the Finance and Audit materials, including the September 2023 Investment Report.

Executive Vice President & General Counsel

PASSED this 26th day of October, 2023 APPROVED this 26th day of October, 2023

ATTEST:

Jessica Gonzalez Assistant Secretary

Sanjay Ramabhadran

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH KIEPE ELECTRIC, LLC FOR CONTACTORS, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") requires the purchase of contactors for the propulsion overhaul of its fleet of H3 light rail vehicles; and

WHEREAS, METRO issued an Invitation for Bids for such contactors and Kiepe Electric, LLC was the only firm that submitted a bid and such bid was determined to be responsive, responsible and reasonably priced; and

WHEREAS, management recommends that METRO enter into a two (2) year contract with Kiepe Electric, LLC for METRO to purchase these contactors for METRO's H3 light rail vehicles, with a maximum contract amount of \$360,620.80.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute a two (2) year contract with Kiepe Electric, LLC for METRO to purchase contactors for METRO's H3 light rail vehicles, with a maximum contract amount of \$360,620.80.

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Executive Vice President & General Counsel

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ATTEST:

Jessica Gonzalez

Assistant Secretary

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TOTAL CONTRACTING LIMITED FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS TO BOOST 56 AIRLINE/MONTROSE, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") requires construction services for bus stop improvements to BOOST 56 Airline/Montrose including, sidewalks, ramps, pads, shelter foundations, bike lanes, traffic signals, and roadway reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, METRO issued an Invitation for Bids for such construction services and Total Contracting Limited was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder of all those that submitted bids; and

WHEREAS, management recommends that METRO enter into a two (2) year contract with Total Contracting Limited to provide these construction services for bus stop improvements to BOOST 56 Airline/Montrose, with a maximum contract amount of \$19,791,346.02, which includes an owner-controlled contingency of \$3,298,557.67.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute a two (2) year contract with Total Contracting Limited to provide construction services for bus stop improvements to BOOST 56 Airline/Montrose, with a maximum contract amount of \$19,791,346.02, which includes an owner-controlled contingency of \$3,298,557.67.

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ATTEST:

Jessica Gonzalez Assistant Secretary

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APPROVING THE UNION OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUNDING POLICY, AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN ADOPTION AGREEMENT, AND APPOINTING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF TREASURY SERVICES TO BE PLAN ADMINISTRATORS, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2023-03, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") Board of Directors ("Board of Directors") amended the financial parameters of the Fiscal Year 2023 Business Plan and Budgets to change the minimum reserve, and authorized staff to draft a policy and strategy to fund existing and future Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") obligations accruing under METRO's retirement benefit plans for its union employees in an equitable and sustainable manner in accordance with GASB standards and industry best practice for Board review and approval; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that the Board approve the Union OPEB Funding Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A, authorize the President & CEO to negotiate and execute an Adoption Agreement to establish and prefund a trust pursuant to such policy for the benefit of the Union OPEB Plan (the "PEB Trust"), and appoint the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Treasury Services to be Plan Administrators of the PEB Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby approves the Union Other Post-Employment Benefits Funding ("OPEB") Policy attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute an Adoption Agreement to establish and prefund a trust pursuant to such policy for the benefit of the Union OPEB Plan (the "PEB Trust"), and appoints the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Treasury Services to be Plan Administrators of the PEB Trust.

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Executive ice President & General Counsel

PASSED this 26th day of October, 2023 APPROVED this 26th day of October, 2023

ATTEST:

Jessica Gonzalez Assistant Secretary Sanjay Ramabhadran

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH ENTECH CIVIL ENGINEERS, INC. TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM FOR CONCEPTUAL/PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY-10 INNER KATY CORRIDOR BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT, AND TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolutions 2020-141 and 2021-59, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") entered into a three (3) year contract with Entech Civil Engineers, Inc. to provide conceptual/preliminary engineering services for the METRONext project to construct a Bus Rapid Transit system along the Interstate Highway-10 Inner Katy Corridor, with a maximum contract amount of \$10,393,426.98; and

WHEREAS, the parties also entered into a modification of the existing contract for these conceptual/preliminary engineering services to increase the maximum contract amount by \$2,790,571.61, resulting in a new maximum contract of \$13,183,998.59; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple concurrent projects sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") within this corridor and TxDOT has accelerated these projects impacting METRO's project schedule; and

WHEREAS, to maintain continuity in alignment with METRO's business objectives, the number of projects that require conceptual/preliminary engineering services have increased beyond the initial projections used to determine the maximum contract amount in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue executing work on key initiatives in progress by the consultant, a modification to increase the contract capacity and term is necessary; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a modification of its existing contract with Entech Civil Engineers, Inc. to increase the contract term for an additional three (3) year period for these conceptual/preliminary engineering services for construction of a Bus Rapid Transit system along the Interstate Highway-10 Inner Katy Corridor, and to increase the

maximum contract amount by \$16,301,757.80, and add an owner-controlled contingency of \$2,445,263.66, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$31,931,020.05.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a modification of its existing contract with Entech Civil Engineers, Inc. to increase the contract term for an additional three (3) year period for conceptual/preliminary engineering services for construction of a Bus Rapid Transit system along the Interstate Highway-10 Inner Katy Corridor, and to increase the maximum contract amount by \$16,301,757.80, and add an owner-controlled contingency of \$2,445,263.66, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$31,931,020.05.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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I hereby certify that the above resolution is accurate in describing the action herein of the Board of Directors on the date below.

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Executive Vice President & General Counsel

PASSED this 26th day of October, 2023 APPROVED this 26th day of October, 2023

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ATTEST:

Jessica Gonzalez

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Sanjay Ramabhadran

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolutions 2021-61 and 2021-136, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") entered into a contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to provide general engineering consulting services for the construction of Bus Rapid Transit along the University Corridor, with a maximum contract amount of \$36,692,746; and

WHEREAS, the environmental phase of the project is near completion and continued general engineering consulting services is necessary while METRO awaits approval from the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a modification of its existing contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for these general engineering consulting services to increase the maximum contract amount by \$8,626,779.84, and add an owner-controlled contingency of \$550,000, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$45,869,525.84.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a modification of its existing contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for general engineering consulting services to increase the maximum contract amount by \$8,626,779.84, and add an owner-controlled contingency of \$550,000, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$45,869,525.84.

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ATTEST:

Jessica Gonzalez Assistant Secretary Sanjay Ramabhadran

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH HNTB CORPORATION TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolutions 2020-66, 2020-155, 2021-137, and 2022-65, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") entered into a contract with HNTB Corporation to provide program management consulting services for the implementation of the METRONext Plan, with a maximum contract amount of \$32,910,550.01; and

WHEREAS, as the projects under the METRONext Plan progress, METRO requires continued program management consulting services for such projects; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a modification of its existing contract with HNTB Corporation for these program management consulting services to increase the maximum contract amount by \$16,781,027.33, and add an owner-controlled contingency of \$767,877.69, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$50,459,455.03.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a modification of its existing contract with HNTB Corporation for program management consulting services to increase the maximum contract amount by \$16,781,027.33, and add an owner-controlled contingency of \$767,877.69, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$50,459,455.03.

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Jessica Gonzalez

Assistant Secretary

Sanjay Ramabhadran

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH BAE SYSTEMS CONTROLS, INC FOR WARRANTY AND ASSOCIATED LABOR COVERAGE SERVICES, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") requires warranty and associated labor coverage services for its fleet of one hundred seventy-six (176) Orion diesel hybrid buses; and

WHEREAS, BAE Systems Controls, Inc is the original equipment manufacturer of the propulsion equipment on these Orion diesel hybrid buses and the only firm that is authorized to provide services for such equipment; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a one (1) year sole source contract with one (1) option to extend the contract term for an additional six (6) month period with BAE Systems Controls, Inc to provide these warranty and associated labor coverage services for its fleet of one hundred seventy-six (176) Orion diesel hybrid buses, with a maximum contract amount of \$1,467,840.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a one (1) year sole source contract with one (1) option to extend the contract term for an additional six (6) month period with BAE Systems Controls, Inc to provide warranty and associated labor coverage services for its fleet of one hundred seventy-six (176) Orion diesel hybrid buses, with a maximum contract amount of \$1,467,840.

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NEW FLYER OF AMERICA, INC. FOR CNG HEAVY DUTY 40-FOOT TRANSIT BUSES, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") requires the purchase of forty (40) CNG heavy duty 40-foot transit buses; and

WHEREAS, METRO was awarded funding under the Federal Transit Administration Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant which allows METRO to enter into a contract with New Flyer of America, Inc. for these buses without undergoing a competitive procurement; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a two (2) year contract with New Flyer of America, Inc. for METRO to purchase these forty (40) CNG heavy duty 40-foot transit buses, with a maximum contract amount of with a maximum contract amount of \$32,742,160, and add an owner-controlled contingency of \$982,264.80.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a two (2) year contract with New Flyer of America, Inc. for METRO to purchase forty (40) CNG heavy duty 40-foot transit buses, with a maximum contract amount of with a maximum contract amount of \$32,742,160, and add an owner-controlled contingency of \$982,264.80.

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LANESTAFFING, INC. FOR UTILITY WORKER SERVICES, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") requires utility worker services to strip, repair and assemble shelters for its Passenger Shelter Rehab Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 1998-148, the METRO Board of Directors ("Board of Directors") authorized METRO to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council ("H-GAC") for participation in H-GAC's Cooperative Purchasing Program, which program satisfies METRO's procurement requirements; and

WHEREAS, management recommends that METRO enter into a one (1) year contract with LaneStaffing, Inc. using the cooperative purchasing schedule under H-GAC's Cooperative Purchasing Program to provide these utility worker services for METRO's Passenger Shelter Rehab Program, with a maximum contract amount of \$350,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a one (1) year contract with LaneStaffing, Inc. using the cooperative purchasing schedule under H-GAC's Cooperative Purchasing Program to provide utility worker services for METRO's Passenger Shelter Rehab Program, with a maximum contract amount of \$350,000.

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Jessica Gonzalez

Assistant Secretary

Sanjay Ramabhadran

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH MCKINSTRY ESSENTION LLC TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOLAR POWER AND SOLAR STORAGE PILOT PROJECT, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2023-67, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") entered into a contract with McKinstry Essention LLC to provide consulting services for the development of a solar power and solar storage pilot project at the West Bus Operating Facility and Townsen Park & Ride Facility, with a maximum contract amount of \$6,145,000; and

WHEREAS, due to changes in the mounting design of the solar panels and a need to increase the storage capacity of the energy storage system, a modification to increase the contract capacity is necessary; and

WHEREAS, management recommends that METRO enter into a modification of its existing contract with McKinstry Essention LLC for these consulting services for the development of a solar power and solar storage pilot project at West Bus Operating Facility and Townsen Park & Ride Facility, to increase the maximum contract amount by \$670,000, and add an owner-controlled contingency of \$340,750, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$7,155,750.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a modification of its existing contract with McKinstry Essention LLC for consulting services for the development of a solar power and solar storage pilot project at West Bus Operating Facility and Townsen Park & Ride Facility, to increase the maximum contract amount by \$670,000, and add an owner-controlled contingency of \$340,750, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$7,155,750.

Cydenii V Fairfax Executive Vice President & General Counsel

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ATTEST:

Jessica Gonzalez Assistant Secretary

Sanjay Ramabhadran

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS GULF COAST AREA LABOR FEDERATION, AFL-CIO FOR METRO TO BE A SUBAWARDEE TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, Harris County has awarded the Texas Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO ("TGCALF") a contract to administer a project to create apprenticeship programs in the County to foster collaborative labor-management investment in skills training and provide wraparound support services designed to lift underserved populations from poverty and economic insecurity by providing reliable and stable career pathways; and

WHEREAS, management recommends that the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") enter into an agreement with the TGCALF for METRO to be a subawardee to receive funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the wages of ten (10) entry-level mechanic apprentices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Texas Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO for METRO to be a subawardee to receive funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the wages of ten (10) entry-level mechanic apprentices.

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH PERRONE ROBOTICS, INC. TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM FOR AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOUSTON METRO SHUTTLE OF THE FUTURE, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2022-102, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") entered into a fifteen (15) month contract with Perrone Robotics, Inc. to provide autonomous technology for the development of the Houston METRO Shuttle of the Future; and

WHEREAS, due to supply chain issues the project experienced delays and more time is needed for project completion; and

WHEREAS, management recommends that METRO enter into a modification of its existing contract with Perrone Robotics, Inc. to extend the contract term for an additional fifteen (15) month period for this autonomous technology for the development of the Houston METRO Shuttle of the Future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a modification of its existing contract with Perrone Robotics, Inc. to extend the contract term for an additional fifteen (15) month period for autonomous technology for the development of the Houston METRO Shuttle of the Future.

Executive vice President & General Counsel

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