ACCEPTANCE OF METRO'S FY2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, Section 451.451 of the Texas Transportation Code requires that METRO'S Board of Directors have an annual audit of the affairs of the Authority prepared by an independent certified public accountant or a firm of independent certified public accountants; and

WHEREAS, the accounting firm of KPMG, LLP has performed a comprehensive audit of METRO's affairs for FY2014; and

WHEREAS, KPMG, LLP has delivered the FY2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report to METRO's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the FY2014 Annual Audit will be made available for public inspection pursuant to Section 451.451(b) of the Texas Transportation Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby accepts the FY2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report, and authorizes copies to be delivered to the Governor; Lieutenant Governor; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the State Auditor; the county judges of each county having territory in METRO; and each municipality having territory in METRO.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN BANKING AND INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Texas Public Funds Investment Act and METRO's Investment Policy requires that the Board of Directors approve individuals who are authorized to engage in banking and investment transactions; and

WHEREAS, due to the retirement of Phil Nguyen it has become necessary to remove him from the list of persons authorized to engage in banking and investment transactions on behalf of METRO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby removes Phil Nguyen from the list of persons authorized to engage in banking and investment transactions on behalf of METRO.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A MODIFICATION TO THE FACILITY PROVIDER CONTRACT WITH PARSON'S TRANSPORTATION GROUP; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of a modification to the Facility Provider contract with Parson's Transportation Group; and

WHEREAS, a modification to the Facility Provider contract will allow for Facility Provider support services for the delivery of the CAF light rail vehicles; schedule impacts due to a waterline break on the rail line; Harrisburg Overpass support; and small business close-out support; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends a modification to the Facility Provider contract with Parson's Transportation Group, increasing the contract amount by \$4,415,294.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute and deliver a modification to the Facility Provider contract with Parson's Transportation Group, increasing the contract amount by \$4,415,294.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY AS SURPLUS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF SUCH PROPERTY AND TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR SUCH SALE OR EXCHANGE; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO owns 15.8 acres (the "Property") east of State Highway 288 and west of County Road 94 (Smith Ranch Road) in Brazoria County; and

WHEREAS, METRO no longer has transit plans for the Property and METRO staff has determined that the Property is not needed for current or future transit development;

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends that the Property be declared as surplus and sold or exchanged pursuant to Chapter 272 of the Local Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby declares the "Property" as surplus and authorizes the President & CEO to sell or exchange the "Property" in one or more transactions for consideration not less than its fair market value, in accordance with Chapter 272 of the Local Government Code.

Section 2. The President & CEO is hereby authorized and directed to take such administrative action as is necessary for the sale or exchange of the "Property," to negotiate any such sale or exchange, and to execute and deliver all appropriate documents to effectuate any such sale or exchange.

Section 3. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO METRO'S REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, it is METRO's goal to maximize its real estate revenue to provide for transit needs, and to partner with other public agencies in their public mission, while also providing for a mix of short-term revenue as well as future land use that promotes ridership; and

WHEREAS, the revision to METRO's Real Estate Management Guidelines will provide guidance such that properties without current or future transit use should be identified as possible joint development sites or declared surplus for disposition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to approve revisions to the existing Real Estate Management Guidelines in order to provide guidance for the disposition of surplus property.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT TO BIGAB COMPANY, L.C., FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES / HIGH OCCUPANCY TOLL (HOT) LANES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of maintenance services for its HOV/HOT Lanes;

WHEREAS, METRO issued a solicitation for bids for maintenance services; and WHEREAS, Bigab Company L.C., was found to be lowest responsive and

responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends a maintenance service contract with Bigab Company, L.C., for the maintenance of its HOV/HOT Lanes for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,693,663.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract to Bigab Company, L.C., for the maintenance of its HOV/HOT Lanes for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,693,663.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH STERTIL KONI FOR THE PURCHASE OF 13 SETS OF WIRELESS BUS LIFTS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of wireless bus lifts for use at its bus operating facilities; and

WHEREAS, METRO issued an invitation for bid for the purchase of wireless bus lifts; and

WHEREAS, Stertil Koni provided the lowest responsive and responsible bid; and WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends a contract for the purchase of wireless bus lifts with Stertil Koni for an amount not-to-exceed \$485,784.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Stertil Koni for an amount not-to-exceed \$485,784 for the purchase of 13 sets of wireless bus lifts.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE PARATRANSIT ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT (PEA) SERVICES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of Paratransit Eligibility Assessment (PEA) services; and

WHEREAS, METRO issued a request for proposals for the Paratransit Eligibility
Assessment (PEA) services; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hermann Health Solutions submitted the only proposal; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends a contract for Paratransit Eligibility Assessment (PEA) Services with Memorial Hermann Health Solutions for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,129,578.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Memorial Hermann Health Solutions to provide Paratransit Eligibility Assessment (PEA) services for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,129,578.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

APPROVING CHANGES TO METRO'S MAJOR SERVICE CHANGE POLICY TO REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL FOR CHANGES IN BUS ROUTE FREQUENCY OR COVERAGE; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO's Board of Directors Resolution 2012-82 approved METRO's Major Service Change Policy and amended that policy by Resolution 2013-47; and

WHEREAS, as a result of discussions of METRO's Reimagining Project, the METRO Board of Directors has requested that the Major Service Change Policy require board approval for changes in bus route frequency or coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves the changes to METRO's Major Service Change Policy to require board approval for changes in bus route frequency or coverage.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

APPROVING AND ADOPTING METRO'S CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PERSONS ON METRO VEHICLES, FACILITIES, OR PROPERTIES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and equitable transit system for its customers and employees; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 451 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes the METRO Board to adopt rules for safe operation and maintenance of the system and the use of the transit authority system; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of METRO'S Code of Conduct will provide for the safety, convenience and improved experience of all its customers and employees on METRO's transit system and properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the METRO Code of Conduct for Persons on METRO Vehicles, Facilities or Properties.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE ALLOWING CHANGES IN METRO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPOSITION AND TERMS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, Sections 451.501, 451.504, 451.505 and 451.506 of the Texas

Transportation Code provide for the appointment, composition of the board, terms and
term limitations of the members of the METRO Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislative amendments would increase the number of METRO Board Members from 9 to 11, by adding an appointee from Harris County and provide for the selection of the Chairman of the Board by the ten appointed Board Members; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislative amendments would allow for staggered odd/even year appointments of each represented governmental body and for the Chairman of the Board to be appointed to a two-year term beginning on October 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislative amendments would allow for the appointment of Board Members to holdover positions and vacancies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby expresses its support for legislative initiative to amend Sections 451.501, 451.504, 451.505 and 451.506 to allow for the increase of the number of Board Members from 9 to 11; by adding an appointee from Harris County and provide for the selection of the Chairman of the Board by the ten-appointed Board Members; staggered odd/even year appointments; for the Chairman of the Board to be appointed to a two-year term beginning on October 1, 2015; and for the appointment of Board Members to holdover positions and vacancies.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH RICE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE INTERNET SERVICE TO METRO; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of additional bandwidth for its internet service; and

WHEREAS, Rice University can provide a larger internet service circuit, including redundancy, at a very affordable rate; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends entering into an Interlocal agreement with Rice University to provide internet service for one year with automatic one-year renewals for an amount not-to-exceed \$19,224 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute and deliver an Interlocal Agreement with Rice University to provide internet service for one year with automatic one-year renewals for an amount not-to-exceed \$19,224 per year.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (PINEMONT PARK & RIDE FACILITY) TO THE HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO Resolution 2014-71 declared as surplus a tract of land near the intersection of Pinemont Drive and US 290 on which METRO previously operated the Pinemont Park & Ride Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Houston Housing Authority has expressed an interest in purchasing the land at fair market value; and

WHEREAS, Board authorization is requested to allow the President & CEO to negotiate final terms and conditions, execute and deliver an agreement for the sale of the real property (Pinemont Park & Ride Facility) to the Houston Housing Authority for fair market value, subject to a final review by METRO's Real Estate Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver an agreement for the sale of real property (Pinemont Park & Ride Facility) to the Houston Housing Authority subject to final review by METRO's Real Estate Committee.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

ACCEPTING THE FORENSIC ACCOUNTING REVIEW OF THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION - METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY HEALTH AND WELFARE TRUST PERFORMED BY BDO CONSULTING (BDO); AND MAKING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO HEALTHCARE BENEFITS FOR UNION EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, METRO is committed to provide quality healthcare benefits to all of its employees; and

WHEREAS, METRO and the Transport Workers Union negotiated to provide health insurance benefits to its union represented employees and retirees through a specially maintained Health and Welfare Trust ("the Trust") that exists separate from METRO; and

WHEREAS, METRO recognizes that its union represented employees are the lifeline to efficient transportation services to the public and that its union represented employees want continued healthcare benefits with quality insurance coverage for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Trust, as an independent and separate entity, operates and is managed under the authority of its own board of Trustees ("Trustees"); and

WHEREAS, METRO currently pays into the Trust pursuant to the negotiated labor agreement (the "Labor Agreement") with the Transportation Workers Union, the amount of \$880 per union represented employee, including bus operators, mechanics, cleaners and retirees, per month to cover healthcare benefits for its union represented employees and retirees; and

WHEREAS, the Trust is experiencing significant financial shortfalls for the 2014-2015 plan year caused by the decisions of the Trustees of the Trust in providing health insurance to the employees for the 2014-2015 plan year; and

WHEREAS, METRO has had to advance payments of over \$2 million dollars to the trust to insure continued insurance benefits for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Welfare Trust does not presently have adequate funds to cover the cost of health insurance benefits for METRO union represented employees and retirees covered by the Trust; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the current labor agreement, the METRO Board has agreed to meet its financial obligations to the Trust by paying the amount of \$880 per union represented employee and retiree for the plan year, but does not intend to advance any additional funds beyond that obligation; and

WHEREAS, the growing shortfall of funds of the Trust puts union represented employee and retiree health insurance benefits at immediate risk, thus presenting an emergency that requires immediate action to avoid an interruption in health insurance benefits for METRO union represented employees and retirees covered by the Trust; and

WHEREAS, METRO retained the services of BDO to perform a forensic accounting review to help explain why the Trust is experiencing a financial shortfall and to advise METRO generally on how to address the Trust's fiscal deficit; and

WHEREAS, BDO has offered its report to METRO's Board of Directors with a complete fact-finding and analysis of the Trust; and

WHEREAS, METRO's Board of Directors has considered the BDO report and its findings and believes that, in order to insure continued and uninterrupted health insurance for union employees, METRO must discontinue utilizing the Trust and must itself provide insurance benefits to its Union employees; and

WHEREAS, in response to the BDO report, certain procedures should be put in place to assist the Trustees in carrying out their fiduciary duties; and

WHEREAS, these procedures should include:

- Scheduling of regular monthly meetings of the Trust.
- Posting a notice and agenda of trust meetings at least 72 hours before the meeting.
- · Appropriate and detailed minutes of meetings.
- Attendance of meetings by METRO's General Counsel or her designee.
- Attendance of meetings by METRO's Chief Auditor or his designee.
- Monthly financial reporting of trust, including, but not limited to, detailed accounting of healthcare plans, bank statements, and budget.
- Meetings will be open to the public and held at a location convenient and conducive to attendance by plan participants and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors finds that the present financial shortfall of Transport Workers Union Health and Welfare Trust poses a serious threat to the continued provision of healthcare benefits to METRO union represented employees and retirees.

Section 2. The Board of Directors finds that the BDO report accurately describes the basis for the financial shortfall and the failure of the Trust to adequately cover healthcare insurance costs. Further, the BDO report clearly points out the various structural and operational deficiencies of the Trust that continue to put at risk the necessary health insurance benefits for union represented employees and retirees.

Section 3. The Board of Directors further finds that the continued utilization of the Trust as the vehicle to provide health insurance benefits to union represented employees and retirees could cause future harm to those employees because of the failures of the Trust in its operations, structure and management.

Section 4. The METRO Board of Directors further finds that, in the best interests of its union represented employees and retirees, for continued financial solvency and efficiency, it is necessary to begin the process to terminate the Trust so that METRO can provide health insurance benefits directly to its union represented employees and retirees.

Section 5. The Board of Directors finds that, in order to prevent disruption and/or confusion regarding health insurance benefits to union represented employees and retirees, it will be necessary to continue to operate the Trust during a transition period ("the Transition Period") prior to the termination of the Trust and provide health insurance benefits directly from METRO to its union represented employees and retirees.

Section 6. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President and CEO of METRO to take the following actions:

- Instruct and cause METRO's labor agreement negotiators to bargain with the Transport Workers Union to terminate the Trust no later than July 1, 2016 and to have health insurance benefits provided to union represented employees and retirees directly by METRO.
- Instruct and cause the METRO appointed Trustees to the Trust to negotiate with the Transport Workers Union appointed Trustees to the Trust to create and implement a plan for the Transition Period to ensure uninterrupted health insurance benefits to union represented employees and retirees for the time period before the termination of the Trust.
- Instruct and cause the METRO appointed Trustees to the Trust to immediately negotiate with the Transport Workers Union appointed Trustees to the Trust that, during the Transition Period, the Trust will maintain efficient operations, financial accountability, transparency, and adequate reporting to both METRO and the union membership.
- Implement interim procedural changes to the trust operations to assist
 Trustees in carrying out their fiduciary duties, to increase transparency
 and accountability.

- Begin the process to have METRO provide health insurance benefits to union represented employees and retirees beginning no later than July 1, 2016.
- Instruct the President & CEO to immediately pay any sums owed to the Trust by METRO based on the BDO report.
- Instruct METRO Trustees to require the Trust to maintain and preserve all Trust records consistent with METRO's record retention schedule and Texas State Law.

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

PASSED this 26th day of March, 2015 APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA