AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO PROCEED WITH THE DESIGN OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ALONG ENGLISH STREET AND THE NORTH RAIL LINES BY USING THE EXISTING ON-CALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, traffic mitigation measures are necessary on certain streets along

METRO's North Rail Line; and

WHEREAS, these traffic mitigation measures include speed cushions, striping,

signage and bulb-out curbs; and

WHEREAS, the design of these traffic mitigation measures will be accomplished

through METRO's on-call contract through Kimley-Horn for an amount not-to-exceed

\$50,000.

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 proceed with the design of traffic calming measures along METRO's North Rail Line using METRO's on-call design services through Kimley-Horn for an amount not-toexceed \$50,000.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.



Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT TO ISI CONTRACTING. INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTHEAST LIGHT RAIL CORRIDOR STREET MODIFICATIONS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make modifications to certain streets on the

Southeast Light Rail Corridor to improve access and traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, these street modifications include a U-turn lane on Griggs Road, at-

grade at Beekman Road and Griggs Road and street closures at Sampson and

Robertson streets; and

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WHEREAS, the street modifications will be done through a contract with ISI

Contracting, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$2,083,700.

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 ISI Contracting, Inc. for the construction of certain street modifications and improvements along the Southeast Light Rail Corridor for an amount not-to-exceed \$2,083,700.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT MODIFICATION TO A.O. PHILLIPS AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE INTERNAL PROGRAM ADVISOR SERVICES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO needs to continue the program advisor services for its

METRO Rail Expansion project; and

WHEREAS, A.O. Phillips and Associates has provided program advisor services

for METRO's Rail Expansion project; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends a contract modification with A.O. Phillips

and Associates for program advisor services, extending the contract term for an amount

not-to-exceed \$165,000.

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 modification to A.O. Phillips and Associates for the internal program advisor services, extending the contract term for an amount not-to-exceed \$165,000.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 PROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 ATTEST: 11 METRO 1081 Assistant Secretary "mugament Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH ISI CONTRACTING, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BURNETT STREET IMPROVEMENTS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, street improvements adjacent to the Burnett Plaza Facility are

necessary to provide METRO buses direct access to the Burnett Transit Facility; and

WHEREAS, an invitation was issued for these street improvements; and

WHEREAS, ISI Contracting, Inc. was found to be the lowest responsive and

responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends a contract for the construction of the

Burnett Street improvements with ISI Contracting, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed

\$3,477,800.

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 ISI Contracting, Inc., for the construction of the Burnett Street improvements for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,477,800.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP FOR CONSTRUCTION AND STAKEHOLDER SERVICES, AND SMALL BUSINESS TASK ORDERS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of additional construction and stakeholder services and small business task orders to complete the METRO Light Rail Expansion and to prepare for revenue service; and

WHEREAS, these services have been provided by Parsons Transportation

Group; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends an extension of these services until June

30, 2015.

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 modification with Parsons Transportation Group to extend construction and stakeholder services, and small business task orders through June 30, 2015.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sentember 20

ATTEST: in N METRI Assistant Secretary ()manunt

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER CONTRACTS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFF-THE-SHELF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, WARRANTY AND SERVICES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO invests in various hardware and software solutions, warranty and services to provide the tools necessary to perform day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, METRO makes these purchases through METRO's competitive process or through various cooperative purchasing agreements with other government entities; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff requests authorization to purchase various hardware and software solutions, warranty and services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$3,510,000.

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 contracts for Information Technology off-the-shelf hardware and software, warranty and services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$3,510,000.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

ATTEST: Assistant Secietary "manman

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

# AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER CONTRACTS WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE LICENSES, MAINTENANCE, SERVICES AND SUPPORT; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS. METRO is in need of various hardware and software licenses, maintenance, services and support to provide the necessary information technology tools to perform day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff requests authorization to make payments and execute

contracts with multiple vendors for licenses, maintenance, services and support for all

METRO information technology-related hardware and software licenses, maintenance,

services and support for a total amount not-to-exceed \$8,093,104.

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 contracts with multiple vendors for information technology hardware and software licenses, maintenance, services and support in an amount not-to-exceed \$8,093,104.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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PASSED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

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# AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH ALLIED BARTON GOVERNMENT SERVICES SPECIALIST TO PROVIDE UNARMED SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE METRO BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of unarmed security services for its buildings and

facilities; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposal was issued for these services; and

WHEREAS, Allied Barton Government Services Specialist was found to be the

most responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends a contract with Allied Barton Government

Services Specialist to provide unarmed security services for an amount not-to-exceed

\$3,914,448.

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 Allied Barton Government Services Specialist to provide unarmed security services for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,914,448.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

ATTEST: Assistant Secretary manne

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

# RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 113

# A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING METRO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SUPPORT FOR THE UPTOWN DEDICATED BUS LANE PROJECT, A PROJECT BETWEEN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE CITY OF HOUSTON AND THE UPTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE STATEMENT PRESENTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DATED JULY 3, 2014; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is hereby expressing METRO's support for the Uptown Houston Dedicated Bus Lane Project, a project between the Texas Department of Transportation, the City of Houston and the Uptown District in which METRO's sole obligation is to provide and operate buses; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board has been asked to sign a joint statement dated July 3, 2014, from the Texas Department of Transportation which states: "We the undersigned agree that the I-610 Dedicated Bus Lane Facility is to be designed and built to support a dedicated bus lane. As designed, the facility will not support a rail component." (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Attorney General has been asked to render a legal opinion on whether signing this joint letter would violate METRO's contract with the voters as expressed in the 2003 METRO Referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Board's authorization for the Chairman to sign the joint letter dated July 3, 2014, is contingent and the Chairman's signature is valid only if METRO receives a legal opinion from the Texas Attorney General that holds that METRO's signature on the joint statement will not violate METRO's contract with the voters arising from the 2003 referendum; and

WHEREAS, irrespective of the ultimate conclusions of the Attorney General's opinion, METRO will hold an election and voter referendum on whether the Uptown Dedicated Bus Lane Project should be converted to rail prior to METRO taking any future action to convert the Uptown Dedicated Bus Lane Project to rail; and

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 Chairman of the Board to sign the joint statement drafted by the Texas Department of Transportation dated July 3, 2014.

Section 2. The Board's authorization for the Chairman to sign the joint statement dated July 3, 2014, is contingent and the Chairman's signature is valid only if METRO receives a legal opinion from the Texas Attorney General that holds that METRO's signature on the joint letter will not violate METRO's contract with the voters arising from the 2003 METRO referendum.

Section 3. Irrespective of the ultimate conclusions of the Attorney General's opinion, METRO will hold an election and voter referendum on whether the Uptown Dedicated Bus Lane Project should be converted to rail prior to METRO taking any future action to convert the Uptown Dedicated Bus Lane Project to rail.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

Board of Directors September 26, 2014 Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman Chair Ted Houghton Allen D. Watson **Texas Transportation Commission** Vice Chairman 125 E. 11th Street Lisa Castañeda Austin, TX 78701 Secretary **Burt Ballanfant** Honorable

Dear Chair Houghton:

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Jim Robinson

**Cindy Siegel** 

President &

**Chief Executive** Officer

Thomas C. Lambert

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As you know, the Uptown Dedicated Bus Lane Project is an excellent opportunity to greatly increase the movement of people and remove traffic from the highly congested I-610 West Loop. METRO has been completely supportive of this project's implementation from the beginning. Furthermore, METRO has committed to purchasing the buses, operating them on the dedicated bus lanes, expanding the existing Northwest Transit Center, and adding many bus routes from our existing Park & Rides to feed into the project.

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Please allow me to correct some of the misinformation you may have heard. METRO has always recognized this project as a dedicated bus lane and has acknowledged that fact on many occasions. Nevertheless, as a further example of our support, the METRO Board unanimously passed a resolution taking various actions vesterday regarding this exciting project.

First, the Board has authorized me to sign the July 3 TxDOT statement regarding the TxDOT portion of the project along the I-610 West Loop. However, out of respect for the "will of the voters," if the Attorney General deems my signature as a violation of METRO's contract with the voters, then my signature is void. Enclosed is my signature on the statement.

Second, in support of previous declarations that METRO has no intent to convert the project to rail, the resolution clearly states that METRO will hold a referendum to get voter approval prior to taking any future action to convert the Uptown Dedicated Bus Lane Project to rail.

Finally, this project is too important to our region to allow the politics of the past and the old debates of "roads verses rail" to prevent its implementation. Thus, if TxDOT or Uptown prefers a different bus service provider, we commit to work closely with them to insure the project's success.

Thank you very much for your leadership.

Sincerely

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

**Texas Transportation Commission** CC: Uptown Houston District METRO Board of Directors



July 3, 2014

On June 26, 2014, The Texas Transportation Commission approved an update to the Unified Transportation Program (UTP). As part of that update, potential funding was reserved for the I-610 Dedicated Bus Lane Facility from Post Oak Boulevard to I-10. This initiative will be included in future updates to the UTP based upon updated financial forecasts and will be subject to further public involvement.

We the undersigned agree that the I-610 Dedicated Bus Lane Facility is to be designed and built to support a dedicated bus lane. As designed, the facility will not support a rail component.

Ted Houghton Chairman, Texas Transportation Commission

Jeff Austin Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

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Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

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Chairman, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County

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\* Subject to attached September 26,2014, letter from Chairman Garcin to chair thoughton and Metro resolution 2014-113 .

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AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPROVE THE REVISED TRANSIT SYSTEM RE-IMAGINING PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN IN FISCAL YEAR 2015; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO has begun an unprecedented effort to re-design its extensive transit network, to provide more frequent service and better transit services to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board approves a METRO Re-Imagining Project that will utilize existing resources in a balanced way, to focus 80% of resources on maximum ridership with simple straight routes arriving frequently at places where transit can be most productive, and 20% of resources on maximum coverage with a particular focus on maintaining service for existing transit users; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed a Re-Imagined system map that shows a new local and express bus route system, including flex zones; and

WHEREAS, the map designates routes by frequency, with 4 frequency categories based on 7-day frequency: service at least every 15 minutes, service at least every 30 minutes, service at least every 60 minutes, and peak only service; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorizes next steps in implementing this plan which includes the development and refinement of schedules, new passenger information signage, capital improvements at key bus stops, an intensive public education campaign, operator and customer support training, and public hearings on the system changes; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorizes in principal the System Reimaging Plan and authorizes the staff to begin developing detailed schedules for routes as currently drafted in the plan while concurrently working with elected officials, bus operators and citizens of areas losing service under the draft plan to determine possible impacts on areas resulting from elimination of routes, flex service and reduction of service hours; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff will report back to the Board at the November board meeting recommendations for changes to the plan.

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 revised Transit System Re-Imagining Plan and authorizes the President & CEO to direct staff to begin implementing METRO's Re-Imagining plan in fiscal year 2015.

Section 2. the Board authorizes in principal the System Reimaging Plan and authorizes the staff to begin developing detailed schedules for routes as currently drafted in the plan while concurrently working with elected officials, bus operators and citizens of areas losing service under the draft plan to determine possible impacts on areas resulting from elimination of routes, flex service and reduction of service hours; and

Section 3. METRO will hold public meetings in the proposed flex zones, in addition to the required public hearings, to discuss how the flex zones will be operated.

Section 4. METRO staff will report back to the Board of Directors at the November board meeting with recommendations for changes to the plan.

Section 5. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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ATTEST: EIMO. Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, Section 451.102(a), Texas Transportation Code, requires that the Board of Directors adopt an annual budget of all major expenditures by type and amount prior to the expenditure of any funds in the fiscal year to which the budget applies; and

WHEREAS, Section 451.102(b), Texas Transportation Code, requires that METRO make the proposed budget available for public review and hold a public hearing prior to adoption of the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the statutory requirements, cited above, METRO made proposed budgets for fiscal year 2015 available to the public and has held a public hearing regarding these proposed budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed budgets for fiscal year 2015 and has considered the public comments thereon.

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby finds and declares that the prerequisites required by law for the consideration and adoption of the budgets for fiscal year 2015 have been satisfied.

Section 2. The Board of Directors hereby finds that the Business Plan submitted by the President & CEO includes the appropriate strategic priorities, operating principles and organizational structure necessary to implement this Board's policies for the Metropolitan Transit Authority. Section 3. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts an Operating Budget for fiscal year 2015 totaling \$514,991,700.

Section 4. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts a Capital Budget for fiscal year 2015 totaling \$359,513,000.

Section 5. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts a General Mobility Budget for fiscal year 2015 totaling \$173,019,224.

Section 6. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts a Debt Service Budget for fiscal year 2015 totaling \$91,532,081.

Section 7. The Board of Directors will receive reports, at least quarterly, on budgetary expenditures and fund availability as may occur subsequent to the beginning of the 2015 fiscal year.

Section 8. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

ATTEST: Assistant Secretary 13111111111 Itticistall'

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman

## AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO APPROVE THE REVISED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO created a Small Business/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program in 2005 and a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program in 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to revise the Small Business/Disadvantage Business Program; and

WHEREAS, the Small Business/Disadvantage Business Program is revised by removing references to the Disadvantage Business Policy that are addressed in the separate federally approved Disadvantage Business Enterprise Program; changing certification requirements by requiring one year of business tax returns and a minimum of \$5,000 in revenue for the last 12 months; and implementing a Pilot Program to allow certified Primes to count their participation towards small business goals; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Small Business will report back to the Board on the status of the Pilot Program in March 2015, and September 2015.

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves revisions to the Small Business Enterprise Program to remove references to the Disadvantage Business Policy that are addressed in the separate federally approved Disadvantage Business Enterprise Program; change the certification requirements by requiring one year of business tax returns and a minimum of \$5,000 in revenue for the last 12 months and the implementation of a Pilot Program to allow certified Primes to count their participation towards small business goals.

Section 2. The Office of Small Business will report back to the Board on the status of the Pilot Program in March 2015, and September 2015.

Section 3. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA Chairman