ACCEPTING THE APRIL 2022 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 April 2022; 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 March 31, 2022, the April 2022 Sales & Use Tax Report, the March 2022 Investment Report, the March 2022 Debt Report, the March 2022 Monthly Performance Report, and the Monthly Report of the Chief Financial Officer dated April 21, 2022 (collectively, the "Finance and Audit materials"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed such materials, including the March 2022 Investment Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby accepts the April 2022 Finance and Audit Committee, Administration Committee, Capital and Strategic Planning Committee and Public Safety, Customer Service & Operations Committee monthly reports and the Finance and Audit materials, including the March 2022 Investment Report.

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH G & K CONTRACTORS, LLC TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM FOR CLEANING AND DISINFECTING SERVICES, AND TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PAYMENT AMOUNT, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2020-121, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") entered into a contract with G & K Contractors, LLC ("Contractor") to provide cleaning and disinfecting services for its buses that are in active passenger service at four (4) METRO transit centers, including the Downtown Transit Center, Fannin South Transit Center, Northline Transit Center, and Texas Medical Center Transit Center, with two (2) options to extend the contract term for an additional six (6) month period subject to Board approval; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2021-89, METRO exercised the first option to extend the contract term for an additional six (6) month period for continued cleaning and disinfecting services; and

WHEREAS, such contract is set to expire, and METRO requires continued cleaning and disinfecting services to address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a contract modification with Contractor to exercise the second option to extend the contract term for an additional six (6) month period to provide these continued cleaning and disinfecting services for its buses at METRO transit centers, and to increase the maximum payment amount by \$859,478.50, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$3,452,159.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute a contract modification with G & K Contractors, LLC to exercise the second option to extend the contract term for an additional six (6) month period to provide continued cleaning and disinfecting services for its buses at METRO transit centers, and to increase the maximum payment amount by \$859,478.50, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$3,452,159.50.

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Executive Vice President & General Counsel

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Sanjay Ramabhadran Chair

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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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Sanjay Ramabhadran Chair

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") requires construction and installation services for a concrete pad and electrical distribution to assist with the relocation of a sculpture in support of METRO's Art in Transit program to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Griggs Road; and

WHEREAS, METRO issued an Invitation for Bids for such construction and installation services and Maintenance & Construction Services, Inc. was the only firm that submitted a bid that was determined to be responsive, responsible, and reasonably priced; and

WHEREAS, management recommends that METRO enter into a contract with Maintenance & Construction Services, Inc. to provide these construction and installation services for a concrete pad and electrical distribution, with a maximum contract amount of \$240,050.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute a contract with Maintenance & Construction Services, Inc. to provide construction and installation services for a concrete pad and electrical distribution, with a maximum contract amount of \$240,050.

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Executive Vice President & General Counsel

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TRADEWINDS PETROTRADE, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF HVAC UNITS, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") requires the purchase of eight (8) 10-ton HVAC units and five (5) 15-ton HVAC units for METRO's traction power substations to replace the existing HVAC units that have reached the end of their useful life: and

WHEREAS, METRO issued an Invitation for Bids for such HVAC units and Tradewinds PetroTrade, LLC was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder of all those that submitted bids; and

WHEREAS, management recommends that METRO enter into a contract with Tradewinds PetroTrade, LLC to purchase these eight (8) 10-ton HVAC units and five (5) 15-ton HVAC units for METRO's traction power substations, with a maximum contract amount of \$304,366.10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute a

contract with Tradewinds PetroTrade, LLC to purchase eight (8) 10-ton HVAC units and five (5) 15-ton

HVAC units for METRO's traction power substations, with a maximum contract amount of \$304,366.10.

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Sanjay Ramabhadran Chair

AMENDING RESOLUTION 2014-35 AND APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCUREMENT MANUAL TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS TO EXISTING CONTRACTS THAT IMPACT METRO'S SAFETY, SCHEDULE, OR SERVICES, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN OTHER RELATED CLARIFYING CHANGES, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2014-35, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") Board of Directors ("Board of Directors") adopted a revised Procurement Manual for the agency, which incorporated certain prior Board resolutions that established procurement policies such as Resolution 1999-34; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 1999-34 and the METRO Procurement Manual, the President & CEO is authorized to negotiate and execute all change orders to existing contracts that do not exceed a cumulative increase in the original contract amount by ten percent (10%); and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Manual also limits any such change order from exceeding \$100,000 without the approval of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation and supply chain issues have caused METRO's current vendors to request price adjustments that may result in change orders that exceed ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount, and delayed execution of such change orders could impact METRO's safety, schedule, or services; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that the Board of Directors approve an amendment to the Procurement Manual to authorize the President & CEO to negotiate and execute change orders to existing contracts that impact METRO's safety, schedule, or services as necessary, subject to budgetary restrictions and to remove the \$100,000 limitation on the amount of any change order without the Board of Directors approval; and

WHEREAS, management further recommends that the Board of Directors amend the Procurement Manual and Resolution 2014-35 to clarify the prior resolutions that established procurement policies that remain in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves an amendment to the Procurement Manual to remove the \$100,000 limitation on the amount of any change order that can be authorized by the President & CEO without the Board of Directors approval and to authorize the President & CEO to negotiate and execute change orders for which a delay in execution could impact METRO's safety, schedule, or services, subject to budgetary restrictions and as further described in Exhibit A.

Section 2. The Board of Directors hereby amends Section 3 of Resolution 2014-35 to clarify that the Procurement Manual incorporates certain prior resolutions that established procurement policies which remain in effect as follows: "These changes to the Procurement Manual and the approval of the manual supersede any Board resolutions previously passed, unless and to the extent that, such Board resolutions are incorporated into the Procurement Manual. All Board resolutions incorporated into the Procurement Manual as of the effective date of this Resolution are labeled "current" in the attached Exhibit "1"."

Section 3. The Board of Directors hereby approves clarifying amendments to the Procurement Manual as outlined in the attached Exhibit A.

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH CH2M HILL, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR COMPLETION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF METRO'S AUTOMATED FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2016-135, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") entered into a contract with CH2M Hill, Inc. ("Contractor") to provide consulting services for the development and implementation of an automated fare collection system; and

WHEREAS, such contract has expired, and METRO requires continued consulting services to complete the implementation of such automated fare collection system including completing the regional partner assessments, implementation support for the regional partners, system design, testing, and results evaluation, and support with contract administration; and

WHEREAS, METRO is relying on Contractor's unique expertise as the scope developer of the automated fare collection system to complete the implementation project; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a five (5) year sole source contract with Contractor to provide these consulting services for completion of the implementation of METRO's automated fare collection system, with a maximum contract amount of \$1,494,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a five (5) year sole source contract with CH2M Hill, Inc. to provide consulting services for completion of the implementation of METRO's automated fare collection system, with a maximum contract amount of \$1,494,000.

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH EASTBANC TECHNOLOGIES, LLC TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR METRO'S REAL-TIME DATA PREDICTION SYSTEM, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2020-11, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") entered into a contract with Eastbanc Technologies, LLC ("Contractor") for a real-time data prediction system; and

WHEREAS, such contract has expired, and METRO requires continued maintenance and support

services for METRO's real-time data prediction system; and

WHEREAS, Contractor developed and manufactured the proprietary system and is the only vendor

that can provide these maintenance and support services; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a three (3)

year sole source contract with Contractor to provide these continued maintenance and support services for

METRO's real-time data prediction system, with a maximum contract amount of \$525,453.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a three (3) year sole source contract with Eastbanc Technologies, LLC to provide continued maintenance and support services for METRO's real-time data prediction system, with a maximum contract amount of \$525,453.

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH FIRST TRANSIT, INC. TO ADD A NEW PERFORMANCE STANDARD, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2015-81, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") entered into a contract with First Transit, Inc. ("Contractor") to provide paratransit van services for the METROLift Program; and

WHEREAS, during this COVID-19 pandemic period, recruiting, hiring, and retaining drivers and frontline personnel has been a challenge throughout the transit industry, adversely impacting service quality and schedule times for various transportation providers; and

WHEREAS, METRO's contract with Contractor provides that METRO will review all performance standards for Contractor on an ongoing basis and that such standards are subject to change as METRO's needs change to assure quality and a high level of customer satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a contract modification with Contractor to add a new performance standard to help ensure that Contractor is taking competitive, innovative and effective measures to improve driver and frontline personnel recruitment, retention, and the operation of a quality service in a highly competitive market, with no changes to the maximum contract amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a contract modification with First Transit, Inc. to add a new performance standard to help ensure that Contractor is taking competitive, innovative and effective measures to improve driver and frontline personnel recruitment, retention, and the operation of a quality service in a highly competitive market, with no changes to the maximum contract amount.

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APPROVING THE PROPOSED JUNE 2022 SERVICE CHANGES, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") implements regular service changes during the year, typically in or around January, May/June, and August, after a public hearing is held in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration Circular 4702.1B, including after analyzing the changes to ensure that they will not result in a disparate impact based on race, color, or national origin or disproportionate burdens to low income populations; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that METRO make changes to report service adjustments between service changes, implement service reliability improvement features, restore pre-COVID service levels, extend service to regional partners, adjust service levels based upon workforce availability, and remove school trippers between June and August service changes (collectively, the "June 2022 Service Changes"); and

WHEREAS, METRO held a Public Hearing on April 5, 2022 to discuss the proposed June 2022 Service Changes which are expected to have an estimated financial impact of \$2,760,000 in operating costs in fiscal year 2022, an annualized cost of \$8,421,000 in fiscal year 2023, and an estimated one-time capital cost of \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, management recommends that the METRO Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") approve the proposed June 2022 Service Changes as outlined in the presentation attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves the proposed June 2022 Service Changes as outlined in the presentation attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NEAR NORTHWEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, PURCHASE, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNATURE SHELTERS, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") is responsible for the improvement, installation, and maintenance of bus stops and bus shelters within the METRO service area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, METRO may contract with other governmental entities to perform certain authorized functions; and

WHEREAS, management recommends that METRO negotiate and execute a three (3) year interlocal agreement with the Near Northwest Management District (the "District") for the design, construction, purchase, installation and maintenance of seven (7) signature shelters located within the District to help enhance the overall METRO customer experience by facilitating safe, clean and accessible transportation, with a maximum contract amount of \$140,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a three (3) year interlocal agreement with the Near Northwest Management District for the design, construction, purchase, installation and maintenance of seven (7) signature shelters located within the District to help enhance the overall METRO customer experience by facilitating safe, clean and accessible transportation, with a maximum contract amount of \$140,000.

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AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH VOESTALPINE RAILWAY SYSTEMS NORTRAK, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNISTAR CSV 24 SWITCH MACHINES, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") requires the purchase of ten (10) UNISTAR CSV 24 switch machines to replace the existing switch machines that have reached the end of their useful life; and

WHEREAS, Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak, LLC is the only vendor that can provide these UNISTAR CSV 24 switch machines which are currently in use throughout the METRORail signaling system and which are required in order to safely switch trains from one track to another; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a sole source contract with Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak, LLC to purchase these ten (10) UNISTAR CSV 24 switch machines for the METRORail signaling system, with a maximum contract amount of \$360,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a sole source contract with Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak, LLC to purchase ten (10) UNISTAR CSV 24 switch machines for the METRORail signaling system, with a maximum contract amount of \$360,000.

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AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-5 AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH ALLIANCE BUS GROUP, INC. TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL REAR ENTRY MINIVANS, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PAYMENT AMOUNT, AND TO TRANSFER BUDGET FUNDS, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2022-5, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") authorized METRO to exercise an option to purchase up to sixty (60) additional wheelchair accessible minivans for the METROLift program and increase the maximum contract amount by \$3,015,626.40 for such minivans; and

WHEREAS, supply chain issues have caused an additional increase in the purchase price and delivery time for such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management has reassessed METRO's need for the number of wheelchair accessible minivans that it currently required for service and recommends that the Board of Directors amend its prior authorization to permit METRO to enter into a contract modification with Contractor to only purchase up to forty-five (45) additional wheelchair accessible minivans, and increase the maximum contract amount by \$2,586,375, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$13,406,385; and

WHEREAS, management further recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the transfer of FY2022 Capital allowance budget funds to the FY2022 Capital budget of the department of Operations to cover the costs for the purchase of the additional vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby amends Resolution 2022-5 to authorize the President & CEO to execute a contract modification with Contractor to only purchase up to forty-five (45) additional wheelchair accessible minivans, and increase the maximum payment amount by \$2,586,375, resulting in a new maximum contract amount of \$13,406,385, and to transfer FY2022 Capital allowance budget funds to

the FY2022 Capital budget of the department of Operations to cover the costs for the purchase of the additional vehicles.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

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



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Sanjay Ramabhadran Chair

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH EACH OF AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. AND PHOENIX MOTORCARS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOUSTON METRO SHUTTLE OF THE FUTURE, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") requires services for the development of the Houston METRO Shuttle of the Future including stakeholder coordination/facilitation, infrastructure planning and design, testing procedures, and final report writing; and

WHEREAS, METRO was awarded a Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") Accelerating Innovation Mobility ("AIM") grant that allows METRO to contract with key partners without undergoing a competitive procurement for projects funded under the grant; and

WHEREAS, due to their unique experience, knowledge, and capability of executing a value engineered product, AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and Phoenix Motorcars have been identified as key partners for the development of the Houston METRO Shuttle of the Future using such FTA AIM grant funding; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, management recommends that METRO enter into a three (3) year sole source contract with each of AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and Phoenix Motorcars to provide these services for the development of the Houston METRO Shuttle of the Future, with an aggregate maximum contract amount of \$325,213.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a three (3) year sole source contract with each of AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and Phoenix Motorcars to provide services for the development of the Houston METRO Shuttle of the Future, with an aggregate maximum contract amount of \$325,213.

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