

A RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT; SELECTION OF THE ALIGNMENT OPTION FOR UNIVERSITY CORRIDOR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE ENTITIES AS NECESSARY AND REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2035 REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan provides the framework for future transportation development in the greater Houston-Galveston area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration's project development process requires the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (hereinafter the "DEIS") to assess the benefits, costs, and impact of alternative strategies, and further requires that the public have an opportunity to present its views prior to selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative; and

WHEREAS, METRO prepared a DEIS for alignments and technologies for transit development within the University Corridor, has held numerous public meetings, and has received comments from the public; and

WHEREAS, staff has concluded the required level of technical analyses, and the Board of Directors has carefully reviewed staff's findings and the public input; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Board of Directors adopt a Locally Preferred Alternative for transit development for the University Corridor, and authorize staff to proceed with such other studies and analyses to refine the alignment and station locations; and

WHEREAS, the Locally Preferred Alternative for development of a University Line should be forwarded to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in the region's long range and short range transportation plans;

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

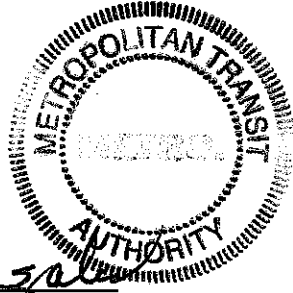
Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby adopts light rail as the Locally Preferred Alternative (technology) for purposes of further development of transit system improvements for the University Corridor.

Section 2. The METRO Board of Directors hereby adopts a Locally Preferred Alternative for an alignment for the University Corridor to extend west of Main Street along Richmond Avenue to Cummins and then Westpark to the Hillcroft Transit Center; and east of Main Street along Wheeler Street, then along Ennis and Alabama to the University of Houston, and further extended, if possible and financially feasible, north on Scott St., and east on Elgin St. to the Eastwood Transit Center. This alignment is hereby adopted.

Section 3. The President & Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to forward the Locally Preferred Alternatives, including the proposed route alignment, to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in the region's long range and short range transportation plans.

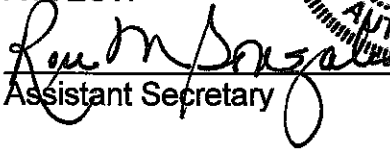
Section 4. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & Chief Executive Officer to take such administrative action as appropriate in furtherance of those additional studies and analyses necessary to refine the alignment and station locations and to proceed with transit development within the University Corridor.

Section 5. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.



PASSED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007  
APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007

ATTEST:

  
Assistant Secretary

  
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David S. Wolff  
Chairman

A RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (TECHNOLOGY) FOR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NORTH, SOUTHEAST, UPTOWN, AND EAST END CORRIDORS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE ENTITIES AS NECESSARY AND REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2035 REGIONAL LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the process for corridor development includes analyses of possible alignments for ridership potential, estimated capital costs, land use, economic development opportunities, constructability and community response; and

WHEREAS, METRO has also conducted considerable analyses of the travel corridors for selection of the appropriate technology for transit system development; and

WHEREAS, "Bus Rapid Transit – Convertible" was previously identified as an interim transit mode for certain METRO Solutions transit corridors until demonstrated ridership, costs and overall benefits could support light rail transit; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 2006-59 and 2006-65, the Board of Directors selected "Bus Rapid Transit – Convertible" as the Locally Preferred Alternative (technology) for transit development in the North and Southeast Corridors, respectively; and by way of Resolution 2006-53, the Board of Directors adopted high capacity transit for the East End Corridor; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution 2003-134, the Board of Directors adopted Light Rail transit as the Locally Preferred Alternative (technology) for transit development in the Uptown Corridor; and

WHEREAS, new ridership projections show that light rail technology in the Southeast, North, Uptown and East End Corridors will meet Federal costs effectiveness standards; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has further reviewed the technology options for transit development in the METRO Solutions transit corridors and has determined that Light Rail will serve more riders and offers the most cost effective and efficient mode of transit service;

WHEREAS, the Locally Preferred Alternative (technology) for transit development in the North, Southeast, Uptown, and East End Corridors should be forwarded to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in the region's long range and short range transportation plans, and to other public agencies as appropriate;

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

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby amends Resolutions 2006-53, 2006-59 and 2006-65 and adopts light rail as the Locally Preferred Alternative (technology) for purposes of further development of transit system improvements in the East End Corridor, North Corridor and the Southeast Corridor, respectively. The METRO Board of Directors hereby affirms light rail as the Locally Preferred Alternative (technology) for the Uptown Corridor.

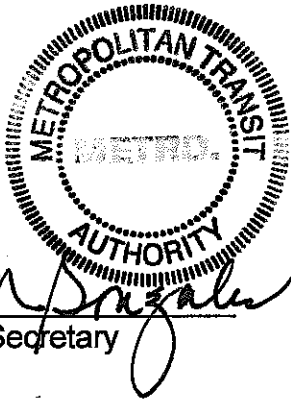
Section 2. The President & Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to forward the Locally Preferred Alternatives, to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in the region's long range and short range transportation plans, and to other public agencies as appropriate.

Section 3. The METRO Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & Chief Executive Officer to take such other administrative action as appropriate in furtherance of any additional studies and analyses necessary to proceed with corridor development.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007  
APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007

ATTEST:



Assistant Secretary

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David S. Wolff  
Chairman