

A Resolution

NO. _____

PROVIDING THE CITY OF FORT WORTH’S COMMITMENT, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AND SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS’ 2023 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL’S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE; SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTING ADVANCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HIGH-SPEED TRANSPORTATION, AND BROADBAND EXPANSION

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy board associated with the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth has four representatives on the RTC and the representatives serve on the RTC’s standing subcommittees, including the multimodal, intermodal, high-speed rail, and freight subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2022, the Regional Transportation Council established a Legislative Program for the 88th Texas Legislature with goals to adequately fund transportation, to expand transportation options in mega-metropolitan regions - like the Texas Triangle, of which Greater Fort Worth is an anchor, to pursue innovation and technology, to improve air quality, and to enhance safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth supports the goals of the RTC’s 2023 Legislative Program and specifically supports the implementation or expansion of high-speed rail and transit options within the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth’s Comprehensive Plan includes specific goals and objectives to provide a multimodal transportation system that builds community, supports economic growth, and improves air quality and specifies that the City will promote the expansion of rail transit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth’s Central Station is currently the busiest passenger rail hub in the state and should remain the “Texas Nexus” to keep a competitive edge on regional rail connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth desires to become the main transfer point between future high-speed passenger rail routes from Houston, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, and Austin; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of broadband is a local and regional priority to provide citizens with enhanced access to medicine, education and employment, while promoting safety, equity, mobility, and economic competitiveness.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

The City Council supports the North Central Texas Council of Governments’ 2023 Regional Transportation Council’s Legislative Program for the 88th Legislature, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and specifically supports innovation and technology initiatives such as high-speed transportation and broadband expansion.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary