

A Resolution

NO. _____

**SUPPORTING THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY21 REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY
AND EQUITY (RAISE) DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION
FOR THE
TEXRAIL – NEAR SOUTHSIDE EXTENSION PROJECT AND COMMITTING TO
A DEDICATION OF \$2.5 MILLION IN LOCAL FUNDING**

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2021, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) published in the Federal Register a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Department of Transportation’s National Infrastructure Investments (i.e. the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the RAISE Grant Program provides a unique opportunity for the USDOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives for surface transportation infrastructure projects which have a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2019, Trinity Metro began operating the first phase of TEXRail, a 26.8 mile commuter rail transit service between downtown Fort Worth and the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the TEXRail – Near Southside Commuter Rail Extension project will add an additional 2.1 miles extending service south into Fort Worth’s Medical District/Near Southside area (sub-region); and

WHEREAS, the commuter rail extension project will replace an existing 100 year old railroad bridge to add capacity for a separate set of tracks for commuter rail service so not to negatively impact movement of freight goods through the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the project is an eligible activity under the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) funding program and was approved for use of remaining federal funds from the construction of the first phase to the Dallas-Fort Worth international Airport; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2021, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), in cooperation with Trinity Metro, the City of Fort Worth, and Baylor Scott & White Health submitted a RAISE Grant application seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$25 million through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 RAISE Grant Program for the TEXRail – Near Southside Commuter Rail Extension project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth provided a letter of support for the TEXRail – Near Southside Commuter Rail Extension project in the RAISE grant application with anticipation of equal participation with Trinity Metro in the local match funding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth, through this Resolution, commits to providing half of the required RAISE Grant local match in the amount of \$2.5 million for the TEXRail – Near Southside Commuter Rail Extension project; and

WHEREAS, city staff will require TEXRail performance measures in the Interlocal Agreement with Trinity Metro to quantify the commuter rail project benefits quarterly and continual planning for the long-term success to reach Chisolm Trail Parkway at McPherson; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021 Appropriations ACT mandated RAISE grant awards by November 22, 2021.

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

The City of Fort Worth fully supports the RAISE grant application submitted by the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the TEXRail – Near Southside Commuter Rail Extension project and commits to providing half of the required RAISE Grant local match in the amount of \$2.5 million.

Adopted this _____day of October 2021.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Ronald P. Gonzales, Acting City Secretary