

A Resolution

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE A.V. CATO ELEMENTARY AND A.M. PATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council, 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, a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects was released on July 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth intends to submit Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside project applications for A.V. Cato and A.M. Pate Safe Routes to School projects to the North Central Texas Council of Governments prior to the September 9, 2022 deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council will award funding on December 8, 2022 for projects through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council requires the submittal of a letter or resolution as part of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects application submission; and

WHEREAS, transportation safety is a high priority for the City of Fort Worth and the City Council adopted Resolution No. 5149-11-2019, supporting the Vision Zero goal of eliminating fatalities and severe injuries from crashes; and

WHEREAS, the City developed a Vision Zero High-Injury Network in 2020 and identified Top 10 locations for pedestrian, vehicular, and bicycle fatal and serious injury crashes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth performed Roadway Safety Assessments on eight of the priority Vision Zero corridors in 2021; and

WHEREAS, A.M. Pate Elementary is located along Eastland Street and A.V. Cato Elementary is located along Isbell Road which are both priority Pedestrian Vision Zero High-Injury Network roadways for which Roadway Safety Assessments were performed; and

WHEREAS, the A.V. Cato and A.M. Pate Safe Routes to School projects will construct pedestrian infrastructure such as sidewalks, ADA ramps and enhanced pedestrian crossings to facilitate safe walking to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the locations of the identified projects are depicted on Exhibit A to this resolution, and a brief description of each is included in Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2022, the City Council Mobility: Infrastructure and Transportation Committee was briefed on schools identified for the School/Neighborhood Safety bond project category which are located within one half mile of priority Vision Zero corridors; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2022, Fort Worth voters approved a \$520 million bond package and the local match requirement will be allocated from the \$6M School/Neighborhood Safety project category.

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

- Section 1.** The City of Fort Worth supports submittal of the A.M. Pate Elementary and A.V. Cato Elementary Safe Routes to School projects to the 2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects.
- Section 2.** The City of Fort Worth will serve as the Project Sponsor and lead project contact on this project. The City of Fort Worth agrees to designate a single point of contact for the projects.
- Section 3.** The City of Fort Worth commits to fund a minimum local match of 20 percent of the project costs as a cash match.
- Section 4.** The City of Fort Worth understands and acknowledges that all awarded funding is provided only on a reimbursement basis for construction.
- Section 5.** The City of Fort Worth confirms the projects' timelines are realistic and commits that if the projects are selected for funding, an agreement with TxDOT will be executed within one year of selection and will obligate funds for construction by December 2025.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2022.

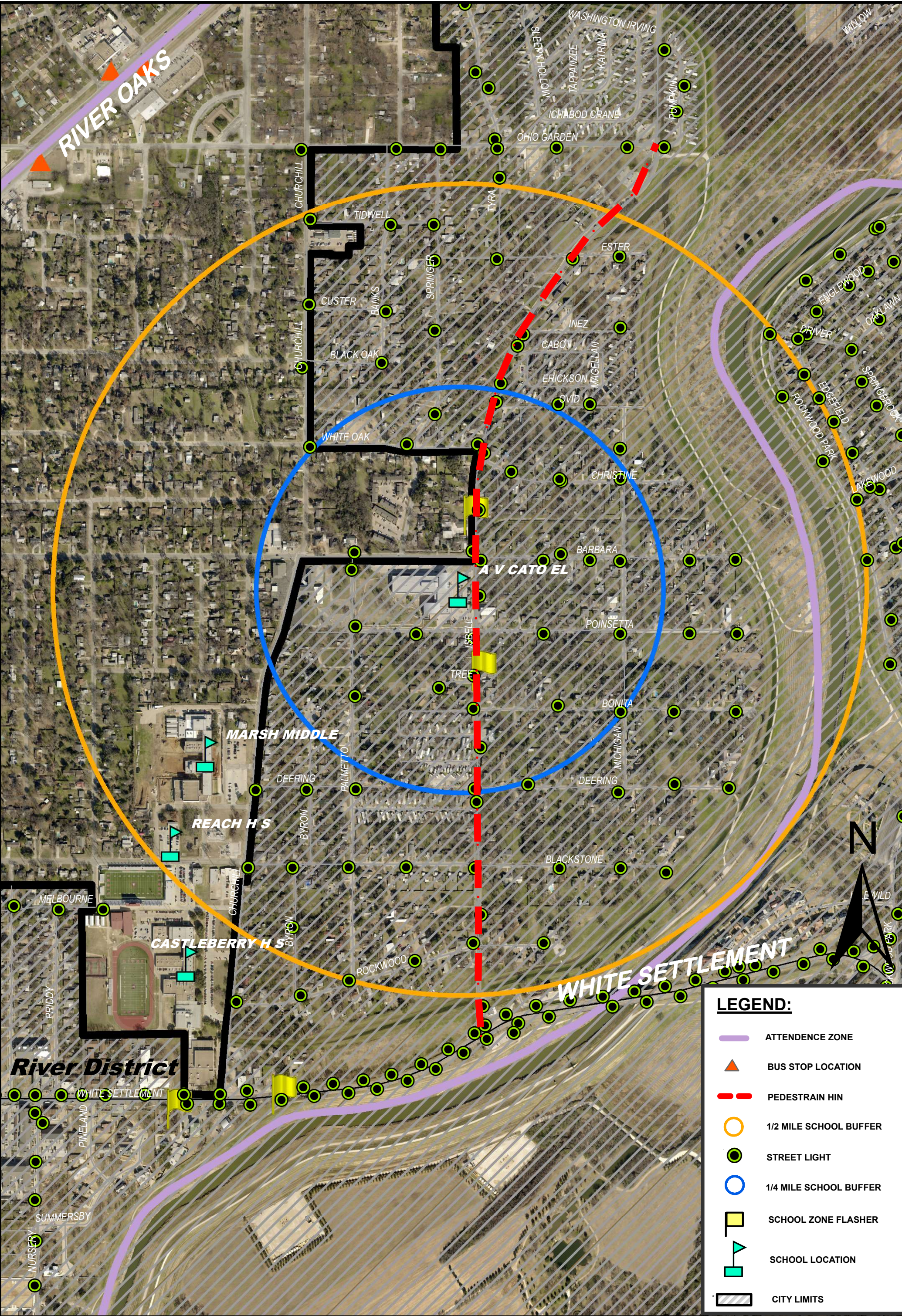
ATTEST:

By: _____

Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary

AV. CATO Elementary - SRTS School Location

4501 Barbara Rd Forth Worth, TX 76114



**Exhibit B –
Staff Report on Seven Transportation Alternative Projects for Submission to North Central
Texas Council of Governments**

This staff report outlines the seven (7) projects being submitted to the North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG) 2022 Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Call for Projects.

The local cost share for the program is 20% and is expected to be paid leveraging 2022 Bond funds. Projects that are located on NCTCOG's Regional Veloweb Network of Active Transportation Priorities will automatically be awarded Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to fulfill the local cost share requirement. Forty Million dollars is available through this year's TAP project call. Detailed scopes and cost estimates are currently in development for each project. Projects were selected based on identified needs in local or regional plans, location on the high-injury network, partnership opportunities, and ability to leverage planned projects and funds (e.g. roadway restriping).

Oakland-Miller Safe Streets

This project includes the Oakland-Miller Corridor from Randol Mill Road to south of East Berry Street in East Fort Worth. The preliminary scope of the project includes retrofitting the existing bike lanes to fully protected bike lanes, enhanced pavement markings, ADA ramps, and operational improvements to enhance safety.

McPherson-Summer Creek Safe Streets

This project includes multiple segments including McPherson Boulevard from Chisolm Trail Parkway to South Hulen Street, South Hulen Street from McPherson Boulevard to Nightingale Drive, and Summer Creek Boulevard on either side of McPherson Boulevard. The project includes retrofitting existing bike lanes to fully protected bike lanes, enhanced pavement markings, and other operational and safety improvements.

Everman Parkway Safe Streets

This is a joint project with the City of Everman to create safe routes to parks, schools and services. Pedestrian, safety, and operational improvements such as protected bike lanes, upgraded/new sidewalks, and intersection enhancements are being examined for the Parkway from Oak Grove Road to Forest Hill Drive, and several connecting streets. Portions of the Parkway are located on the Regional Veloweb, making these segments eligible for TDCs. City of Everman is expected to be cost-share partner with this application.

AV Cato and AM Pate Elementary Safe Routes to Schools

The purpose of these projects is to construct pedestrian infrastructure that will facilitate safe walking to and from school. AV Cato and AM Pate are located on Isbell Road and Eastland Street respectively, which are on the Vision Zero Pedestrian High-Injury Network. Proposed infrastructure improvements include sidewalks, ADA ramps, as well as enhanced pedestrian crossings along Isbell Road and Eastland Street.

West Long Avenue-Angle Avenue Safe Bike Routes

This suite of projects was developed from priorities in the Active Transportation Plan. The suite includes protected bike lanes on West Long Avenue from Angle Avenue to Jacksboro Highway; enhanced shared facilities along NW 26th Street from Azle Avenue to West Long Avenue, NW 30th Street from West Long Avenue to Macie Street; and Macie Street from NW 26th Street to NW 30th Street; and a potential retrofitted and upgraded shared path on a section of Macie Avenue currently

closed to thru auto traffic from NW 30th Street to Sansom Park Drive. The facilities on Long Avenue would complement several Vision Zero safety improvements being implemented by the City's Transportation Management Team.

Bowman Roberts Sidewalks

This sidewalk project will connect two 2022 Bond arterial projects, WJ Boaz and Bailey Boswell Roads, and will fill a critical gap in the pedestrian network in this rapidly growing area of the City. The corridor connects multiple schools and community facilities.

Scopes and cost estimates for these projects are still being developed and finalized. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Porter, Assistant Director, Transportation and Public Works, Regional Transportation and Innovation Division, at 817-392-7259.