GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 21-051

APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE STATE OF TEXAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN REGARDING THE MOPAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THR PLANTING OF TREES AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT AUSTIN MEMORIAL PARK CEMETARY

WHEREAS, the Environmental Assessment prepared by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as part of the environmental review for the Mopac Improvement Project (Project) determined that landscaping plans should be coordinated with the State of Texas Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the City of Austin (City) to ensure that the Project does not adversely affect historic properties; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 12-057, dated August 29, 2012, the Board of Directors approved an interlocal agreement with the City outlining plans to minimize visual and noise impacts of the Project on the City-owned Austin Memorial Park Cemetery which is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2013, the Mobility Authority and TxDOT entered into a Project Development, Operation and Maintenance Agreement for landscaping and other aesthetic improvements at the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, due to limitations at the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery it was not possible to fully implement the plans outlined in the 2012 interlocal agreement between the Mobility Authority and the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority has received significant input on this issue from Rescue Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, a local group dedicated to the preservation of the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority has coordinated and consulted with the City, TxDOT, SHPO and Rescue Austin Memorial Park Cemetery to re-negotiate plans to minimize potential adverse impacts of the Project on the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement with the City, TxDOT, and Rescue Austin Memorial Park to implement tree planting and other improvements designed to minimize the impact of the Project on the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends approval of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement in the form or substantially the same form as attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby approves the proposed Memorandum of Agreement for tree planting and other improvements designed to minimize the impact of the Project on the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery and authorizes the Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Mobility Authority in the form or substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 25th day of August 2021.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Geoffrey Petrov, General Counsel

Approved:

Robert W. Jenkins, Jr. Chairman, Board of Directors