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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-064**

### REAUTHORIZING THE MOBILITY AUTHORITY QUALIFIED VETERANS DISCOUNT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 2009, the 81st Texas Legislature passed H.B. 3139, providing for a veteran toll discount program, codified under Section 372.053 of the Transportation Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 372.053 of the Transportation Code authorizes toll project entities to establish a program for free or discounted use of a toll project for an electronic toll collection customer whose vehicle is registered under Transportation Code as a disabled veterans, recipient of the Purple Heart, or a person who has received the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-039, dated July 25, 2018, the Board approved the implementation of the Qualified Veteran Discount Program through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, currently veterans of 9,628 qualified vehicles registered with the Mobility Authority's Qualified Veterans Discount Program have benefitted from the Program; and

WHEREAS, due to the successful utilization of the Program by qualified veterans, and in order to continue to show the Mobility Authority's gratitude for their military service, Mobility Authority staff recommend continuing to provide the Qualified Veterans Discount Program beyond the previously adopted expiration date of December 31, 2021, and amending Mobility Authority Policy Code Section 301.004, as shown in <u>Exhibit A</u> which would have the effect of leaving the program in place subject to further action of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby amends Mobility Authority Policy Code Section 301.004, as shown in <u>Exhibit A</u> to continue providing the Qualified Veterans Discount Program.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

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

<u>Exhibit A</u>

# MOBILITY AUTHORITY POLICY CODE

## 301.004 Exemption from Toll

(a) The operator or the registered owner of a vehicle operated on an authority toll facility is required to pay the toll established by this subchapter unless the vehicle is exempted by federal law, state law or by this section.

(b) An authorized emergency vehicle defined by Section 541.201, Transportation Code, is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility under Section 370.177, Transportation Code.

(c) A state or federal military vehicle is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility under Section 362.901, Transportation Code.

(d) Through December 31, 2021, rR ecipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor and Purple Heart awards as well as Disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the Qualified Veterans Toll Discount Program to be exempt from paying a toll to use the authority's non variable rate toll facilities. Participation is limited to no more than two vehicles per qualified veteran, the designated primary plate and an additional plate upon demonstration of a hardship as determined by the Executive Director. All participants must be registered with the authority; the vehicle must be registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; the vehicle must have a qualifying specialty plate and have it properly displayed; the vehicle must be associated to an electronic toll tag account; and the participating veteran must have no outstanding CTRMA toll violations at the time of the transaction. Tthe exemption does not apply to the authority's express lane facilities.

(e) Under Section 370.177(a-1), Transportation Code, and to facilitate a multi-modal transportation system that ensures safe and efficient travel for all individuals in central Texas, a vehicle used exclusively to provide transportation to a member of the public under a transit program established and managed by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority or the Capital Area Rural Transportation System is exempt from paying a toll to use an authority toll facility.

(f) The authority will create technical procedures to implement the toll exemptions described and established by this section.