

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2025, at a special called joint meeting with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board, the City of Dallas Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (Committee) received a briefing on DART; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2025, the Committee voted to recommend that City Council authorize a resolution to express its support for the full funding of the DART system at the current one-percent sales tax level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas is committed to fostering a community that is connected, accessible, and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, DART was established in 1983 through voter approval of a one-percent sales tax to develop, operate, and maintain a public transportation system within a 13-city service area; and

WHEREAS, in September 2000, voters within the 13-city DART service area approved a referendum to use the one-percent sales tax collections to support issuance of long-term bonds to upgrade and accelerate expansion of the transit network; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas is the largest DART member city, contributing the most in sales tax revenue and accounting for more than half of the service area's population; and

WHEREAS, DART provides essential public transit services that connect Dallas residents to employment, education, healthcare, and recreational opportunities within the City of Dallas and the greater North Texas region and that connect other residents of the greater North Texas Region to employment, education, healthcare, and recreational opportunities in the City of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, DART supports regional mobility and economic development by ensuring equitable access to transportation for all residents; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the University of North Texas Economics Research Group has undertaken a series of economic impact studies to document transit-oriented development near DART stations, with the latest 2023 study documenting development value of \$17.1 billion between 1999 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas desires an effective public transportation system within the City of Dallas and connecting the City of Dallas to greater North Texas region and recognizes that continued investment in DART is vital for maintaining and expanding services, improving infrastructure, and addressing the growing transportation needs of the City of Dallas and the greater North Texas region; and

WHEREAS, the DART Board of Directors has taken steps to enhance collaboration between DART and its member cities, advancing efforts that deliver new and innovative public transportation solutions for the North Texas region; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Dallas supports the full funding of DART at the current one-percent sales tax (\$0.01) level to enable DART maintain and expand its services, including within the City of Dallas and the greater North Texas region;

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Dallas hereby expresses its support for the full funding of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system at the current one-percent sales tax level and urges local, regional, and state governments to prioritize sustained investment in the public transit system to ensure its long-term viability and success.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the DART Board of Directors, the Texas State Legislature, and other relevant stakeholders to demonstrate the City of Dallas' commitment to public transportation growth and success.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.