

RESOLUTION NO. 16-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS, SUPPORTING FINANCING THE COTTON BELT RAIL LINE, RESETTING DELIVERY DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Richardson has been a member of DART since its formation in 1983; and

WHEREAS, regional passenger rail service substantially benefits regional mobility, improves air quality initiatives and improves the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, only the development of the full Cotton Belt Rail Line would connect D/FW International Airport, Dallas, Carrollton, Addison, the University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, and Plano; and

WHEREAS, previous City of Richardson City Councils have passed resolutions in support of development of the Cotton Belt Rail Line; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richardson has strongly supported Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) as evidenced by the recent development adjacent to the CityLine/Bush Station and future Cotton Belt Station at the University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas); and

WHEREAS, the owners of the properties adjacent to the CityLine/Bush Station have developed a strong local partnership and believe the southern alignment will offer the greatest operational benefits to connect the Cotton Belt Rail Line and the existing DART Red Line; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richardson and the UT Dallas campus located in Richardson have developed a strong local partnership and jointly developed a rail station Master Plan on the Cotton Belt Rail Corridor on UT Dallas property; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (DART) is considering resetting the delivery of the Cotton Belt Rail Line from 2035 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (DART) is considering also constructing a second downtown light-rail line (D2) at the same time as the Cotton Belt Rail Line; and

WHEREAS, the Cotton Belt Rail Line does not interfere with additional Federal Transit Administration grant funding and DART match for D2; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Richardson fully supports the DART Board's passage of a Fiscal Year 16/17 Budget that includes \$25M and \$29.3M, respectfully, in the Capital Budget to further the Cotton Belt Rail Line and Core Capacity projects.

SECTION 2. That the City of Richardson fully supports the DART Board's passage of a FY17 Twenty-Year Financial Plan that (1) includes the Cotton Belt Rail Line with service beginning in 2022 that includes all base project components, the southern alignment to the CityLine/Bush Station, a "single seat" ride for the entire corridor, and that is completed as a single project from DFW International Airport to Shiloh Road and (2) includes a second downtown light-rail line that utilizes a funding strategy composed of Federal Transit Administration grant dollars and a DART match.

SECTION 3. That the City of Richardson fully supports DART's efforts to proceed immediately with the application processes for grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration for the second downtown light-rail line and the Federal Railroad Administration's Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program for the Cotton Belt Rail Line.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Richardson, Texas on this the 26th day of September 2016.



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY SECRETARY