

RESOLUTION NO. 091520-1103

A RESOLUTION OF THE BROOKS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN SUPPORT OF A NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT ITEM REGARDING THE REALLOCATION OF A 1/8 CENT SALES TAX TO VIA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE IN 2025 AND THE TAX TO START IN JANUARY 2026; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in August 2020, the San Antonio City Council voted in favor of including 1/8 cent sales tax to support the City of San Antonio's workforce development initiative, through December 2025, on the November 3, 2020 ballot; and

WHEREAS, voters will be considering the option to reallocate the 1/8 cent sales tax from the workforce development initiative to VIA Metropolitan Transit once the former expires in December 2025 with the funds automatically directed towards VIA Metropolitan Transit beginning at that time; and

WHEREAS, currently only 1/2 of a one cent sales tax, made available by the Texas State Legislature to support VIA Metropolitan Transit, is being used in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, due to only receiving 1/2 of a one cent sales tax, VIA Metropolitan Transit is the least funded major transportation agency in the State of Texas, which has resulted in a lack of frequent and reliable service that has been exacerbated by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, VIA Metropolitan Transit expects to distribute the additional tax revenue into three main areas: expanding mobility options, rebalancing system, and capital and technology with the goal of addressing advanced public transportation services, operations, passenger amenities, equipment and other innovative, advanced public transportation purposes or public transportation mobility enhancement purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Brooks campus is home to the Brooks Transit Center featuring convenient, high-frequency bus service along eight bus routes, including an Express route to downtown San Antonio and a new Primo route along Military Drive to VIA's Kel-Lac Transit Center; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of additional funds to VIA has the potential to allow for improved connectivity to and from the Brooks campus and surrounding community. The Brooks region is expected to support 17,000 jobs by 2040, which will demand frequent and reliable public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Brooks Vision and Mission for FY2019–2023, adopted by the Brooks Board of Directors are as follows:

- Brooks Vision: A San Antonio community attracting local, national, and international investment to achieve world-class opportunities that transform the campus, surrounding neighborhoods and the region while respecting our rich and vibrant history.

- Brooks Mission: Our mission is to promote and develop a vibrant, sustainable community that serves as a catalyst for progressive economic development and regional prosperity.

WHEREAS, supporting additional funding for VIA Metropolitan Transit, which serves the Brooks campus, its surrounding area, and all of San Antonio, falls directly in line with the Brooks Mission.

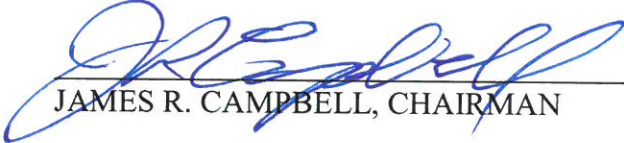
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BROOKS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The Brooks Development Authority Board hereby finds that the statements set forth in the recitals of this Resolution are true and correct, and the City hereby incorporates such recitals as findings of fact as an integral part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Brooks Development Authority Board of Directors expresses its support of the reallocation of a 1/8 cent sales tax to VIA Metropolitan Transit upon the expiration of the City of San Antonio's workforce development initiative.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately following its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of SEPTEMBER 2020.



JAMES R. CAMPBELL, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



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