



Travis County Commissioners Court Voting Session Agenda Request

Meeting Date: February 4, 2020

Agenda Language:

Approve proclamation recognizing the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro) for providing 1 billion trips since its formation 35 years ago.

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Background/Summary of Request and Attachments:

None

Staff Recommendations:

N/A

Issues and Opportunities:

N/A

Fiscal Impact and Source of Funding:

N/A

Required Authorizations:

Jeffrey W. Travillion Sr., Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** The Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro) was formed in 1985 to provide public transportation for the people of Central Texas and has a mission to connect people and communities to jobs and opportunities by providing quality transportation choices; and
- WHEREAS,** Capital Metro’s vision is to transform the daily lives of Central Texans by providing a robust, sustainable transportation network; and
- WHEREAS,** Capital Metro continues to invest in and grow with the community, having grown from 225 vehicles in 1985 to 425 vehicles now, and provided fewer than 8 million rides in our first full year to more than 31 million rides in 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** Capital Metro has reached a milestone at 1 billion rides since its formation 35 years ago; and
- WHEREAS,** In the past year alone Capital Metro has invested \$3 million in bus shelter improvements and solar-powered lighting, installed 3,000 feet of sidewalks, and improved both the acquisition and distribution of real-time transit data; and
- WHEREAS,** Capital Metro has enabled Central Texans to avoid adding more than 445,000 tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere by taking transit instead of driving alone in their cars; and
- WHEREAS,** Capital Metro implemented the largest change to its bus network in the agency’s history in June 2018, creating a system that is more frequent, more reliable, and better connected; and
- WHEREAS,** The agency’s commitment to regional partnerships has improved the customer experience, working with the City of Austin, Travis County and the Texas Department of Transportation to open new transit centers at Westgate and Norwood areas; partnered with Austin Independent School District to foster a new generation of transit riders through its Kids Ride Free initiative; and cooperating with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on use of the MoPac managed lanes for Metro Express services; and

WHEREAS, The 2,100 Capital Metro team members — who are the foundation of the agency — exemplify the sense of mission, dedication to continuous improvement and commitment to the customer, which has resulted in increased ridership in 18 of the past 19 months; and

WHEREAS, Capital Metro and its regional partners are building on the strong foundation the agency has laid for Project Connect, an integral part of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and a bold vision for how we move people today and plan for tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT WE, THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR REACHING THE MILESTONE OF HAVING PROVIDED 1 BILLION TRIPS SINCE ITS FORMATION 35 YEARS AGO AND URGE ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS OF TRAVIS COUNTY TO RAISE AWARENESS AND CELEBRATE THIS ACHEIVEMENT.

Signed and entered this 4th day of February 2020.

Sarah Eckhardt
County Judge

Jeffrey W. Travillion, Sr.
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Brigid Shea
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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