

**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 form 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS

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MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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