

RESOLUTION NO. 1709-19-08-13-0633

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS
CREATING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
THE MOKAN RIGHT OF WAY.**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the City of Pflugerville is a home rule city in Travis and Williamson counties and reserves the right to evaluate the compatibility of any proposed plans for the Missouri Kansas (MoKan) Corridor and approve any plans and mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the MoKan Corridor is a north-south abandoned railroad right-of-way that extends approximately 27 miles parallel to I-35 between downtown Austin and Georgetown, traversing the cities of Pflugerville and Round Rock; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the MoKan Corridor was acquired through collaborative efforts by TxDOT (formerly SDH&PT) with local political subdivisions based on agreements to work together in the development of infrastructure that meets the mobility and safety needs of the region; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the MoKan Corridor is a critical regional transportation asset within Central Texas that provides for the opportunity to improve regional mobility options in a locally context-sensitive manner; and

WHEREAS, the MoKan Corridor bisects the City of Pflugerville and is primarily used for hike and bike trails and is adjacent to houses, schools and parks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the MoKan right-of-way passes adjacent to approximately 30 different subdivisions, passing within 200 feet of more than 400 homes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the city's 2030 Comprehensive Plan establishes that the MoKan Corridor shall continue to be utilized as a hike and bike trail and evaluate the potential for developing public transit options within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Metropolitan Organization (CAMPO) is currently conducting a sub-regional study to evaluate concepts and improvements to the MoKan Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pflugerville fully embraces a multimodal approach to address current and emerging transportation needs with street connectivity and a network of hike and bike trails linking neighborhoods, schools, and other centers within the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pflugerville fully embraces its role as a stakeholder in all discussions regarding potential development of the MoKan Corridor through the Pflugerville area which would be more appropriate for our citizens and the future development of our city in the regional context; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it approved Resolution 1412-12-07-08-0212 supporting Project Connect utilizing the MoKan Corridor for transit options that are financially feasible, integrates one or more station locations in Pflugerville, and does not unduly impede other modes of transportation or result in grade separations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds high-capacity transit projects should maximize the use of dedicated rights-of-way, such as the MoKan Corridor, and other means of gaining a travel time advantage where financially and physically reasonable and not otherwise detrimental to adjacent land uses or existing transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds future high-capacity transit projects should strive for a “true alternative” to single-occupancy vehicle driving, providing quality competitive trips among and within the CAMPO adopted and emerging regional activity centers utilizing seamless connectivity between high-capacity transit components and other modes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it adopted a Transit Development Plan on August 14, 2018 that supports providing safe, reliable, efficient and accessible transportation options for residents and visitors of Pflugerville; and

WHEREAS, MoKan traverses Pflugerville’s downtown in which the City Council passed Resolution 1649-18-09-25-0547 Downtown Action Plan in September 2018, that outlines the actions to revitalizing this area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supported the Project Connect effort to plan, fund and operate a regional high-capacity transit system as a “Single System” provides a solid framework that should be further evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently undergoing development of a transportation master plan that is analyzing existing and future transportation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the CAMPO proposes a system of regional improvements to MoKan that, to date, has not generated options suitable for the Pflugerville context.

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

- 1) The City of Pflugerville supports a regional hike and bike trail facility within the MoKan right of way, providing connectivity between the cities of Round Rock, Pflugerville and Austin and requests Travis County and the City of Austin support this improvement within the MoKan corridor for the overall health and wellness of the region.

Approved this 13th day of August, 2019.

City of Pflugerville, Texas

By: 
Victor Gonzalez, Mayor

Attest:


Karen Thompson, City Secretary