

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK SUPPORT FROM REGIONAL PARTNERS AND CONTINUE SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN FOR ROADWAY FACILITIES AND TRAILS IMPACTING THE MOKAN CORRIDOR THAT BENEFIT PFLUGERVILLE AND THE REGION.

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 28 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 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 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 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 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 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 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, 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, including the extension of Main Street from Railroad to FM685; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has completed a feasibility study to determine what transportation alternatives offer the greatest potential for providing mobility options and whether the MoKan Corridor should be preserved for further analysis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it approved Resolution 1435-15-01-27-0239 its support for select Project Connect North Corridor alternatives provided for in the MoKAN Corridor Feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it approved Resolution 1709-19-08-13-0633 creating a Locally Preferred Alternative for Development of the MoKan right of way; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the Transportation Master Plan in November 2020, which identifies the extension of Kenney Fort from SH45 to New Meister Boulevard along the MoKan corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the voters approved a transportation bond in November 2020, in support of extending Main Street from Railroad to FM685, which will ultimately cross the MoKan corridor in Downtown Pflugerville.

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

- 1) The City Council of the City of Pflugerville continues to support the concept of a regional vision as was outlined in the Project Connect process, but notes additional revisions and clarifications are necessary to ensure local needs are met; and
- 2) The City Council of the City of Pflugerville continues to support projects that expand and enhance a hike and bike trail in the MoKan Corridor; and
- 3) The City Council of the City of Pflugerville desires to further infrastructure efforts outlined in the adopted Master Transportation Plan and were supported by voters in the 2020 bond program; and
- 4) The City Council of the City of Pflugerville authorizes the City Manager to seek collaboration from regional partners in support of the extension of Kenney Fort Boulevard, from SH45 to New Meister Boulevard, Main Street and any other projects impacting the MoKan corridor; and
- 5) The City Council of the City of Pflugerville authorizes the City Manager to provide the necessary documents to TXDOT in order to receive formal approval of the extension of Kenney Fort Boulevard in the MoKan right of way; and
- 6) The City Council of the City of Pflugerville authorizes the City Manager to provide the necessary documents to TXDOT in order to receive formal approval that would allow Main Street to cross the MoKan right of way.

Approved this 11th day of May, 2021.

City of Pflugerville, Texas

By: _____
Victor Gonzalez, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Thompson, City Secretary