

# Northfield Neighborhood Association Resolution in Support of Light Rail on North Lamar Boulevard

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the **Northfield Neighborhood Association (NNA)** is to improve the neighborhood and improve the quality of life in our area;

**WHEREAS**, the western boundary of the **Northfield Neighborhood Association** is North Lamar Boulevard;

**WHEREAS**, light rail would improve the quality of life of our residents by giving them a new and efficient transportation choice and reducing dependency on cars of those who use our area's roads to commute;

**WHEREAS**, the **Northfield Neighborhood Association** is a signatory of the **North Loop Neighborhood Plan**, City of Austin Ordinance 020523-30, a planning area with a 2010 population of 5,814, in which Northfield residents took part in extensive light rail planning for specific alignment and station placement along North Lamar Blvd. up to the North Lamar Transit Center, providing for light-rail to commuter rail transfers at Crestview station and a future commuter rail line on Airport Boulevard corridor;

**WHEREAS**, several other neighborhood plans have planned light rail along the Guadalupe-North Lamar corridor such as the **Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan**, City of Austin Ordinance 040826-56, **Crestview-Wooten Combined Neighborhood Plan**, City of Austin Ordinance 040513-30, **Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan**, City of Austin Ordinance 000413-63, and the **Brentwood-Highland Combined Neighborhood Plan**, City of Austin Ordinance 040513-30;

**WHEREAS**, the **Northfield Neighborhood Association** is located entirely within the **North Loop Neighborhood Planning Area** as defined by City of Austin Ordinance 020523-30, a planning area that includes the commuter rail Red Line on Airport Boulevard;

**WHEREAS**, the **Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan**, City of Austin Ordinance 20120614-058 incorporates the aforementioned existing neighborhood plans and designates North Lamar Blvd and Guadalupe Street as High Capacity Transit Corridors in its Growth Concept Map;

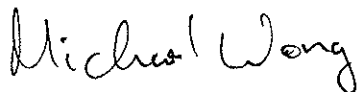
**BE IT RESOLVED**, the **Northfield Neighborhood Association** believes that any first investment in light rail must serve as an expandable backbone of rapid transit, and such an alignment is most suited along North Lamar Blvd. and Guadalupe Street and terminated at or near the North Lamar Transit Center; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the **Northfield Neighborhood Association** supports a phase one locally preferred alternative to include light rail service that connects the densely populated and diverse communities of North Central Austin to the cultural, residential, and employment centers of the University of Texas, the Capitol Complex, and Downtown Austin; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the **Northfield Neighborhood Association** supports light rail planning to utilize the area under elevated 183 for transit purposes including and not limited to the maintenance of a park and ride, and to stimulate Transit Oriented Development along its service roads.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted at a general membership meeting of the **Northfield Neighborhood Association** at a meeting thereof duly held on the 6th day of January, 2014.



Michael Wong

President, **Northfield Neighborhood Association**