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COUNCIL CHAMBER

June 12, 2024

WHEREAS, in February 2021, the city began development of a master plan for expansion of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2022, Dallas voters approved a new two percent hotel occupancy tax to fund expansion of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center and improvement of certain facilities within Fair Park; and

WHEREAS, planned improvements at Fair Park following the November 8, 2022 election include renovations to Cotton Bowl Stadium and Fair Park Music Hall; and

WHEREAS, the city is currently examining expansion of the city's streetcar system including a connection to the M-Line Trolley and future connections to Fair Park, the Dallas Zoo, Deep Ellum, Trinity Groves, and Lower Greenville; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2024, City Council adopted a historic and cultural preservation plan to broaden the role of the city's historical and cultural preservation efforts beyond the historic preservation program within the Department of Planning and Urban Design;

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024, City Council was briefed on major downtown transportation initiatives including the Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station, high-speed rail, and expansion of the streetcar system; and

WHEREAS, City Council requested an economic impact study on the impacts of the Dallas to Fort Worth high speed rail alignment following the March 6, 2024 briefing; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this resolution, the Central Business District is the area defined by Section 28-114.11 of the Dallas City Code.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That, at this time, except for streetcar expansion projects currently under consideration, City Council does not support construction of new aboveground passenger rail lines through the Central Business District, Uptown, and Victory Park areas.

SECTION 2. That many large projects are underway in the city and, except for streetcar expansion projects currently under consideration, City Council is prioritizing redevelopment of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center and the needs of Fair Park and other historically significant parks and residential neighborhoods ahead of construction of new aboveground passenger rail lines through the Central Business District, Uptown, and Victory Park areas.

SECTION 3. That City Council commits to revisit the proposed Dallas to Fort Worth high speed rail discussion after it receives and considers the economic impact study requested by City Council at the March 6, 2024 City Council briefing.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

