

RESOLUTION NO. 4958

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2025 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) issued a call for projects in January 2025 for communities to apply for funding assistance through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) has worked cooperatively with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and respective cities along the Silver Line Corridor on a regional partnership to design and construct the Cotton Belt/Silver Line Rail Trail (the "Trail") within the DART-owned rail right-of way; and

WHEREAS, DART has completed engineering design and environmental approvals for the Trail, is coordinating construction of the Trail through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and entering into necessary agreements with FTA to construct the Trail with funding awarded for the project; and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 construction of the Cotton Belt/Silver Line Rail Trail began in May 2025 for sections of the Trail located from Addison eastward to Plano; and

WHEREAS, the Program funds requested from TxDOT will be used to construct an approximate 1.2-mile portion of the Cotton Belt/Silver Line Rail Trail Phase 3 within the City of Carrollton generally along the DART rail right-of-way north of Belt Line Road between Downtown Carrollton/Interstate Highway 35E to McInnish Park located west of the President George Bush Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the Program funds require a local match, which includes \$351,446 from the City of Carrollton, as well as other local contributions provided by Dallas County and NCTCOG's Regional Transportation Council; and

WHEREAS, NCTCOG and DART will coordinate funding for cost overruns, if any, for construction of the Trail; and

WHEREAS, the regional Cottonbelt Trail is included in the City of Carrollton's Trails Master Plan adopted by Council on April 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, upon completion, the City of Carrollton will be responsible for maintenance of the Trail; and

WHEREAS, upon completion, the Trail will become an integral portion of the Citywide, Regional and State Trail systems.

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

SECTION 1:

All of the above premises are found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council, and they are hereby approved, ratified and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2:

The City of Carrollton supports the Dallas Area Rapid Transit application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program Call for Projects which includes funding to construct Phase 3 segments of the Cotton Belt/Silver Line Rail Trail in the City of Carrollton.

SECTION 3:

The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to take those steps reasonable and necessary to comply with the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 4:

This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED and APPROVED on this 3rd day of June 2025.

CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS

By: _____

Steve Babick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky
Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary



Approved as to form:

Meredith A. Ladd

Meredith A. Ladd, City Attorney

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