RESOLUTION NO. 2011 -4

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE DATES AND TIMES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, Section 6 of METRO's by-laws requires that the Board shall hold at least one regular meeting during each month for the purpose of transacting the business of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the by-laws require that the regular meetings shall be held at such times, places and days as the Board shall by resolution specify; and

WHEREAS, the regular board meetings will be held at 1900 Main, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas at 9:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has designated the following dates for the regular board meetings for 2011 unless otherwise posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act:

Thursday, Feb 24, 2011
Thursday, March 31, 2011
Thursday, April 28, 2011
Thursday, May 26, 2011
Thursday, June 23, 2011
Thursday, July 28, 2011
Thursday, August 25, 2011
Thursday, September 22, 2011
Thursday, October 27, 2011
Thursday, November 17, 2011
Tuesday, December 20, 2011

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:
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Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby designates these dates in calendar year 2011 for its regular board meetings to be held at 1900 Main, 2nd Floor at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act:

- Thursday, Feb 24, 2011
- Thursday, March 31, 2011
- Thursday, April 28, 2011
- Thursday, May 26, 2011
- Thursday, June 23, 2011
- Thursday, July 28, 2011
- Thursday, August 25, 2011
- Thursday, September 22, 2011
- Thursday, October 27, 2011
- Thursday, November 17, 2011
- Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 31st day of January, 2011
APPROVED this 31st day of January, 2011

ATTEST:
Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 5

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HOUSTON MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY VIDEO INITIATIVE; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Houston/Mayor's Office of Homeland Security & Public Safety has funding from the Federal Urban Area Security Initiative to establish a collaborative video initiative to support public safety and homeland security; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will be at no cost to METRO; and

WHEREAS, METRO's participation in this project demonstrates METRO's regional collaboration in securing public and transit safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver an agreement with the City of Houston Mayor's Office of Homeland Security for development and participation in a regional public safety video initiative.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.
RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 5

PASSED this 31st day of January, 2011
APPROVED this 31st day of January, 2011

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT & CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE KINGSLAND PARK AND RIDE LOT TO CONNECT TO THE MASON CREEK HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL SYSTEM AND THE GEORGE BUSH PARK TRAIL SYSTEMS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2009-77 of the Board of Directors of METRO, METRO and the County entered into a Transportation Improvement Agreement for Designated and Future Designated Projects, to provide for funding of eligible transportation projects within the unincorporated portions of Harris County and within the METRO service area; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 5 of the Transportation Improvement Agreement, the County has provided written notice of the projects for the County to be developed during the current fiscal year and has included as an eligible project construction of the Mason Creek Hike and Bike Trail System and the George Bush Park Trail System connecting to the METRO Kingsland Park and Ride Lot; and

WHEREAS, METRO will contribute $750,000 from METRO's General Mobility funds and $166,000 from METRO's local funds, up to a combined amount of $916,000, toward the total cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, METRO will also contribute $84,000 from its FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program to provide specific access and safety enhancements at the Kingsland Park and Ride Lot; and
WHEREAS, a pedestrian bridge connecting the bikeway system and the METRO Kingsland Park and Ride Lot will be named in honor of former METRO Board Member Jackie Freeman in recognition of his service to METRO and his community; and

WHEREAS, this project will directly serve transportation needs for both METRO and the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute and deliver an agreement with Harris County for infrastructure improvements to the Mason Creek Hike and Bike Project and the Kingsland Park and Ride.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 31st day of January, 2011
APPROVED this 31st day of January, 2011

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-7

A RESOLUTION

INCREASING THE METRORAIL EXPANSION BUDGET FROM $158,000,000 TO $343,500,000 AND INCREASING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET FROM $262,100,000 TO $447,600,000; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO affirmed its commitment to the voters by fulfilling these milestones-

1. Attainment of $50 million in Federal funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for METRORail expansion; and
2. Termination of the rail procurement contracts with CAF USA, Inc. (a subsidiary of the Spanish firm Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles, S.A.); and
3. Authorization by the FTA of letters of no prejudice (LONPs); and

WHEREAS, METRO continues to work collaboratively with FTA to receive final FTA approval of METRO's light rail vehicle re-procurement plan; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Number 2010-101 the Board approved the issuance of additional commercial paper pending the issuance of additional voter authorized sales tax bonds; and

WHEREAS, this revised budget will encompass activities for the North, Southeast, East End, and Uptown rail expansion; and

WHEREAS, this revised budget will formally increase the METRORail Expansion Budget from $158,000,000 to $343,500,000 and the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Improvement Program Budget from $262,100,000 to $447,600,000; and

WHEREAS, this budget revision will be funded by the issuance of additional Commercial Paper and/or Revenue and Sales Tax Bonds.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves an amendment to the METRORail Expansion Budget, increasing it from $158,000,000 to $343,500,000 and increasing the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Improvement Program Budget from $262,100,000 to $447,600,000.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 31st day of January, 2011
APPROVED this 31st day of January, 2011

Assistant Secretary
Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 8

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING A THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL DELIVERY SYSTEMS FOR COURIER SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $192,916; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of courier services to provide delivery of items to the various METRO facilities; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals was issued for courier services; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff evaluated the proposals and recommends METRO enter into a contract with Central Delivery Systems for courier services for an amount not to exceed $192,916.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Central Delivery Systems for courier services for an amount not to exceed $192,916.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

ATTEST:

PASSED this 31st day of January, 2011
APPROVED this 31st day of January, 2011

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
Assistant Secretary
RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 9

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE CONTRACT WITH FIRST TRANSIT, INC. TO PROVIDE METROLIFT VAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR METRO FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,690,911; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO currently has a contract with First Transit, Inc. to provide METROLift van transportation services for its patrons; and

WHEREAS, this contract will expire and will require a 90-day extension to the contract period to continue to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, additional funds of $3,690,911 will be required to provide these services for the additional 90-days; and

WHEREAS, this extension and additional funds are necessary for continuation of services for our patrons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute and deliver a modification to the contract with First Transit, Inc. for METROLift transportation van services for an amount not to exceed $3,690,911 and extending the contract term by 90 days.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 31st day of January, 2011
APPROVED this 31st day of January, 2011

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman

Assistant Secretary
RESOLUTION NO. 2011 -10

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF OGLETREE, DEAKINS, NASH, SMOAK & STEWART, P. C. FOR LEGAL SERVICES; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of legal services to provide legal representation in the matters of labor and employment law and negotiation of the collective bargaining agreement with METRO's union; and

WHEREAS, a sole source justification has been made determining that the law firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P. C. is uniquely qualified to provide these services based on its experience, personnel and qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the staff recommends METRO engage the services of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P. C. for an amount not to exceed $150,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P. C. for an amount not to exceed $150,000 for legal services.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 31st day of January, 2011
APPROVED this 31st day of January, 2011

ATTEST: 

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman