RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF METRO’S FY2016 INVESTMENT POLICY AND LIST OF BROKERS AND DEALERS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Texas Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, requires political subdivisions such as METRO to annually review and adopt policies with respect to the investment of its funds; and

WHEREAS, METRO has developed a comprehensive investment policy and strategies designed to provide maximum returns with due consideration to the safety and risk of investments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has carefully reviewed the investment policy and the investment environment, and has determined that it meets the objectives of good fiscal management, safety of principal, sound diversification and optimization of earnings; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this Board approve the investment policies and strategies for fiscal year 2016 and the list of approved brokers and dealers.

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors has reviewed and hereby approves the investment policies and strategies and the list of brokers and dealers.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the President & Chief Executive Officer, the Investment Officers named in the Investment Policy and any other officer of METRO designated by the President & Chief Executive Officer (each an “Authorized Representative”) to execute and deliver, or to cause to be executed and delivered, any documents, instruments and certificates, as any such Authorized Representative, in such person’s discretion, as may deem necessary, advisable or appropriate to effectuate or carry out the obligation or responsibilities of METRO under the Investment Policy for the purpose and intent of this Resolution, and the taking of any such action shall conclusively evidence the appropriateness or necessity of any such documents, instruments and certificates.
Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes the Authorized Representatives to take all other action and do all other things, as may be necessary, desirable or appropriate to carry out the obligations or responsibilities of METRO under the Investment Policy for the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

Section 4. The Board hereby approves the list of authorized brokers and dealers authorized to transact business on behalf of METRO.

Section 5. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 11th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 11th day of November, 2015

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER CONTRACTS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFF-THE-SHELF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, WARRANTY AND SERVICES FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY2016; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO invests in various hardware and software solutions, warranty and services to provide the tools necessary to perform day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, METRO makes these purchases through METRO’s competitive process or through various cooperative purchasing agreements with other government entities; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff requests authorization to purchase various hardware and software solutions, warranty and services for a total amount not-to-exceed $4,519,250.

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 and CEO to execute and deliver contracts for Information Technology off-the-shelf hardware and software, warranty and services for a total amount not-to-exceed $4,519,250 for the remainder of FY2016.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

ATTEST:  

PASSED this 11th day of November, 2015  
APPROVED this 11th day of November, 2015

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA  
Chairman
A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER CONTRACTS WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE LICENSES, MAINTENANCE, SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY2016; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of various hardware and software licenses, maintenance, services and support to provide the necessary information technology tools to perform day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff requests authorization to make payments and execute contracts with multiple vendors for licenses, maintenance, services and support for all METRO information technology-related hardware and software licenses, maintenance, services and support for a total amount not-to-exceed $2,954,724.

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 and CEO to execute and deliver contracts with multiple vendors for information technology hardware and software licenses, maintenance, services and support in an amount not-to-exceed $2,954,724 for the remainder of FY2016.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 11th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 11th day of November, 2015

ATTEST: 

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH VERICLEAN SERVICES CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLEANING AND POWER SCRUBBING THE METRORAIL GREEN AND PURPLE PLATFORMS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of cleaning services to clean the METRORail Green and Purple lines; and

WHEREAS, an invitation for bids was issued for cleaning services; and

WHEREAS, Vericlean Services Corporation was found to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends a contract for rail platform cleaning services with Vericlean Services Corporation for an amount not to exceed $272,661.

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 and CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Vericlean Services Corporation for the rail platform cleaning services for an amount not-to-exceed $272,661.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 11th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 11th day of November, 2015

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH PERMADUR INDUSTRIES INC., D/B/A SISSCO, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MATCON LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE LIFTS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of installation of Matcon light rail vehicle lifts at its service and inspection facility and the rail operation center; and

WHEREAS, replacement of these lifts is necessary to allow for the adequate maintenance and repair of METRO's light rail vehicles; and

WHEREAS, an invitation for bids was issued for the installation of the Matcon light rail vehicle lifts; and

WHEREAS, Permadur Industries Inc., d/b/a Sissco offered the lowest responsive bid; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends a contract with Permadur Industries Inc., d/b/a Sissco for an amount not-to-exceed $272,200.

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 and CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Permadur Industries Inc., d/b/a Sissco for the installation of Matcon light rail vehicle lifts for an amount not-to-exceed $272,200.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 11th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 11th day of November, 2015

ATTEST:

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
RESOLUTION 2015 – 145

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO EXTEND THE 50 PERCENT DISCOUNT OFFERED TO HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS BY ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT OF FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO Board Resolution 2006-68 authorized half-price fares for full-time college and university students; and

WHEREAS, METRO defined “full-time” college and university students as those enrolled in nine or more credit hours per semester; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the “full-time” requirement and extending the half-price fares to all students of higher education will simplify the student passes, make the METRO system more attractive to students and encourage ridership.

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby amends Board Resolution 2006-68 and METRO’s fare policy by eliminating the requirement of full-time status for students of higher education to qualify for half-price fares.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 11th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 11th day of November, 2015

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER CONTRACTS FOR LAND SURVEYING SERVICES WITH COBB FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES AND HUITT-ZOLLARS INC.; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO is in need of land surveying services; and

WHEREAS, METRO issued a request for qualifications for land surveying services; and

WHEREAS, Cobb Fendley & Associates and Huitt-Zollars, Inc., were the most qualified firms to provide land surveying services; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends contracts for land surveying services with Cobb Fendley & Associates and Huitt-Zollars, Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed $500,000 each.

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 and CEO to execute and deliver contracts for land surveying services with Cobb Fendley & Associates and Huitt-Zollars, Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed $500,000 each.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 11th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 11th day of November, 2015

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Assistant Secretary

[Signature]
Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
RESOLUTION 2015 - 147

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING PROCEEDINGS TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF LEASE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION; INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF FINANCING AND OFFERING DOCUMENTS; APPROVING THE ENGAGEMENT OF PROFESSIONALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING THERETO; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (the “Authority”) has heretofore established a lease/purchase program with First Southwest Leasing Company, as lessor (the “FSW Leasing”), to finance the acquisition of certain equipment (the “Equipment”), including buses, bus rapid transit vehicles and rail rapid transit vehicles (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has previously caused to be issued Lease Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 2008A and Lease Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 2008B (collectively, the “Prior Certificates”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Authority to issue the Lease Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 2016A (the “Series 2016A Certificates”) for the purpose of refunding the Prior Certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to approve (1) the preparation of all financing and offering documents to be used in the public offering of the Series 2016A Certificates, and (2) the engagement of bond counsel, disclosure counsel, a financial advisor, underwriters and underwriter’s counsel in connection with the issuance of the Series 2016A Certificates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:
Section 1. Preparation of Financing and Offering Documents. In connection with the issuance and sale of the Series 2016A Certificates, the Board hereby approves the preparation of all financing documents by Bond Counsel and all offering documents by Disclosure Counsel.


Section 3. Authorization of Other Matters Relating Thereto. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Board and the President/Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and other appropriate officials of the Authority (the "Officials") are hereby authorized and directed by the Board to do and perform all acts and things and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name, under the seal and on behalf of the Authority all certificates, financing statements, instruments and other documents, whether or not herein mentioned, as are necessary or desirable to carry out the terms and provisions of this Resolution. The Officials and such other officials and employees of the Authority as may be designated by the Officials are authorized to incur reasonable and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Series 2016A Certificates and for presentations to rating agencies, bond insurance companies, any other credit providers and prospective purchasers of the Series 2016A Certificates. All such persons shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Authority of such expenses after review and approval thereof by the Board as to reasonableness and necessity.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provisions of this Resolution or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Resolution and the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid and the Board hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.
Section 5. Open Meeting. It is hereby found, determined and declared that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting of the board at which this Resolution was adopted was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The Board further ratifies, approves such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

Section 6. Repealer. All resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict with or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters contained herein.

Section 7. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 18th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2015

ATTEST
Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman

Assistant Secretary
A RESOLUTION

REQUESTING BOARD APPROVAL TO MODIFY THE CURRENT POOL OF UNDERWRITERS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO Board Resolution 2011-28 approved a pool of pre-qualified potential underwriters and syndicate members for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, METRO Board Resolution 2014-74 approved and established a process and criteria for the additions and changes of the list of approved underwriters and syndicate members; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to modify the current pool of underwriters by adding Crews & Associates who have met the experience, past performance and financial condition criteria consistent with the procedures established in METRO Board Resolution 2014-74.

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 addition of Crews & Associates to the pool of approved METRO underwriters.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 18th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2015

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
RESOLUTION 2015 - 149

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO EXECUTE A THREE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE MAINTENANCE, CLEANING, AND REPAIR OF METRO BUS SHELTERS LOCATED IN THE UPTOWN AREA OF HOUSTON; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO has an agreement with Harris County Improvement District No. 1 for the maintenance, cleaning and repair of METRO bus shelters located in the Uptown area of Houston; and

WHEREAS, METRO desires to extend its contract with Harris County Improvement District No. 1 to continue the maintenance, cleaning and repair of METRO bus shelters; and

WHEREAS, a three year extension of the agreement with Harris County Improvement District No. 1 will be for an amount not-to-exceed $99,789.

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 and CEO to execute a three year extension of the Inter-Local Agreement with Harris County Improvement District No. 1 for the maintenance, cleaning, and repair of METRO bus shelters located in the Uptown area of Houston, for an amount not-to-exceed $99,789.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 18th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
RESOLUTION 2015 - 150

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO RENEW RAILROAD LIABILITY INSURANCE FROM VARIOUS LLOYDS LONDON INSURANCE SYNDICATE MARKETS FOR INSURANCE OF METRORAIL CROSSING AT UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO and Union Pacific Railroad signed an agreement that allowed METRO to construct a rail overpass over the Union Pacific Railroad as part of the North Line rail expansion project; and

WHEREAS, the agreement required that METRO procure for the lift of the contract and its operations, and railroad liability insurance with insurance limits of $25,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the total premium for the railroad liability insurance coverage is $326,309.

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 and CEO to renew the Railroad Liability Insurance in accordance with METRO's agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for an amount not-to-exceed $326,309.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 18th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
RESOLUTION 2015 - 151

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO AUTHORIZE METRO TO OPERATE ALTERNATIVE FIXED ROUTES AND COMMUNITY CONNECTOR SERVICES IN-HOUSE AND INCREASING THE HEADCOUNT BY 40; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO contracts with a vendor to operate a community connector service in areas where a 40 foot local transit bus is not warranted; and

WHEREAS, METRO’s contract with the vendor operating the community connector service expires on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, METRO staff recommends continuing to operate the community connector service in-house using METRO facilities, operators, mechanics, administrative and operations personnel; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the community connector service with in-house METRO resources will increase the headcount by 40.

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 and CEO to authorize METRO to operate alternative fixed routes and community connector services in-house and increase the headcount by 40.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 18th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2015

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
A RESOLUTION

REQUESTING BOARD APPROVAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JANUARY 2016 SERVICE CHANGE; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO has three regular service changes- January, end of school (May or June), and start of school (August); and

WHEREAS, METRO staff is proposing service changes to multiple bus routes in addition to changes already made in response to customer feedback; and

WHEREAS, included in these changes are service changes to add trips to facilitate employment-related travel by existing riders, transition of existing route detours on certain routes to become permanent, transition the pilot route 399 to become permanent fixed route, and change the southern termination of route 85; and

WHEREAS, this action will also allow METRO staff to modify operations in and around Downtown, Greenspoint, Hempstead, Northline, Northwest and the Texas Medical Center Transit Centers to address various issues.

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 and CEO to implement the January 2016 Service Changes, and allow METRO staff to modify operations in and around Downtown, Greenspoint, Hempstead, Northline, Northwest and the Texas Medical Center Transit Centers.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 18th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2015

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
A RESOLUTION

PURSUANT TO THE MAY 18, 2015 JOINT AGREEMENT WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CULBERSON, AGREEING TO HOLD A REFERENDUM FOR RAIL ON RICHMOND AVENUE WEST OF SHEPHERD DRIVE OR ON POST OAK BOULEVARD NORTH OF RICHMOND; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METRO Chairman of the Board Gilbert A. Garcia and Representative John Culberson have signed a joint letter to announce their mutual commitment to work cooperatively to address transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman and the Representative have identified several areas that will help improve mobility and wish to set the tone for future cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Representative Culberson committed to work to accomplish the following:

- Change federal law so that METRO can use all of the federal dollars ($109 million) not yet drawn down from the $900 million in previously approved federal transit grants for corridor specific transit projects, particularly the new North and Southeast Rail Lines, as described in Section 4 of this document, as well as the 90A Commuter Rail Line. These proposed changes will be consistent with the goals of the FTA in order to allow METRO to match these funds with credits from the original Main Street Line or other Transportation Development Credits so that the local funds will be freed up for new projects to improve mobility in the Houston area;

- Change federal law so that METRO can count $587 million in local funds spent on the East End Rail Line as the local matching credit for a commuter rail line along 90A, and secondarily for any non-rail capital project, or any other project included in the 2003 METRO Referendum. Rail on Richmond Avenue west of Shepherd Drive or Post Oak Boulevard would only be eligible to utilize these credits if approved by voters in a subsequent referendum;

- Secure up to $100 million in federal funds for three consecutive years ($300 million) for bus purchases, park and ride expansion and HOV lane improvements. These funds will also facilitate METRO's expanded use of the 2012 referendum increment to pay down debt. All of these efforts will enhance and improve the bus system that is already one of the best in the nation;
• If METRO service area voters approve a subsequent referendum that includes but is not limited to rail on Richmond Avenue west of Shepherd Drive or on Post Oak Boulevard north of Richmond, Congressman Culberson pledges to support the will of the voters and he will work to secure the maximum level of funding available for the transit projects described in the referendum;

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

Section 1. The METRO Board of Directors hereby pledges that METRO will not oppose Congressman Culberson’s efforts to memorialize this agreement in federal law and hereby pledges that METRO will not oppose the language included in Section 164 of the FY2016 Transportation Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill as passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on June 9, 2015.

Section 2. The METRO Board of Directors hereby pledges that METRO will not oppose Congressman Culberson’s efforts to memorialize this agreement in state law.

Section 3. The METRO Board of Directors hereby acknowledges the commitments made by Representative John Culberson in support of METRO and pledges that METRO will not use federal or state funds to build rail on Richmond Avenue west of Shepherd Drive or on Post Oak Boulevard north of Richmond unless METRO service area voters approve it as part of a future METRO service area referendum. Likewise, no local funds will be spent on such a rail project without a referendum, except expenditures of local funds necessary for the proper studies and engineering to present to the voters in the required referendum. Any such referendum will be part of a multi-modal transportation plan including reasonable cost estimates and a description of the project’s pathway and end points, realizing that pathways could undergo minor adjustments as a result of unforeseen environmental circumstances.

Section 4. To the extent permitted by FTA, the METRO Board of Directors hereby pledges that METRO will utilize the expected savings from the North and Southeast Corridor Light Rail Projects in the following manner:
North Corridor Potential Projects

- Northline Intermodal Center-New Northline transit center facility with parking for 450 vehicles.
- Sidewalk Improvements-Bus Rail Interface from 500 to 2100 linear feet;
- Shelter Improvements-Upgraded or new shelters at high frequency or transfer bus stations;
- Bike Parking/Lockers-Bike parking at light rail train stations; and

Southeast Corridor Potential Projects

- Light Rail Station Infill-Infill light rail station at MLK/Cortelyou;
- Palm Center Park & Ride-Parking at Palm Center Park & Ride;
- Sidewalk Improvements-Bus Rail Interface up to ¼ mile;
- Shelter Improvements- Upgraded or new shelters at high frequency or transfer bus stations;
- Crossing Gates-Crossing Gates at Chartres Street and Texas Avenue; and
- Bike Parking/Lockers-Bike parking at light rail train stations.

To the extent permitted by FTA, METRO will reprogram any further unused federal funds not yet drawn down from previously approved federal transit grants and not utilized as described above towards the 90A Rail Corridor. Utilizing federal funds and the ability to match the funds with local credits METRO will undertake the necessary preliminary steps including environmental review to advance the 90A rail line in the FTA new starts process for future federal funding.

Section 5. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 18th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2015

Attest:
Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
A RESOLUTION

ADOPTING A POLICY TO ALLOW THE WRAPPING OF METRO BUS AND RAIL VEHICLES IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR METRO PURPOSES DETAILED IN THE METRO VEHICLE WRAP STAFF GUIDELINE. THE POLICY WILL SUPERSEDE BOARD POLICY IN RESOLUTION 2011-125; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the agency to wrap certain bus and rail vehicles to promote METRO services, promote the agency, other significant community activities, events, encourage ridership and celebrate regional accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, METRO desires to promote significant METRO milestones or activities, safety awareness, METRO services, community institutions, events of regional significance, neighborhoods or districts; and

WHEREAS, wraps may be used in partnership with other entities, including non-profit organizations or government agencies as part of a ridership promotion; and

WHEREAS, this policy supersedes the interim policy in Resolution 2011-125.

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby adopts a policy to allow the wrapping of METRO bus and rail vehicles and authorizes the President and CEO to approve bus and rail vehicle wraps consistent with the following:

- For use in METRO marketing and ridership campaigns to promote METRO services;
- To promote METRO services as an alternative to driving to events and venues adjacent to bus and rail service;
- To promote safety awareness;
- To promote partnerships with other governmental entities;
- To encourage METRO ridership in partnership with community institutions such as museums, cultural centers, universities, and art institutions;
• To promote high profile events with regional significance held within walking distances of the METRO transit network (including sporting events and conferences) to encourage ridership to the events;
• To promote neighborhoods or districts to encourage ridership;
• To include corporate names and logos for the title sponsors who supports the community-based event and the logo of the event;
• To include non-business logos for a title sponsor who supports the community-based event and logo of the event;
• To pair a free fare ridership initiatives for those events that charge admission with promotions paid for by the sponsor;
• Designed so that the passenger information, including destination signs or informational placards are not obscured and so that METRO's identifying elements are intact;
• That do not promote religious or political institutions, or religious or political points of view; and
• To charge the wrap sponsor for the cost of design, production, installation and removal of the wrap, plus the cost to repair any damage to the paint finish of the vehicle caused by the wrap.

Section 2. This resolution supersedes the interim policy in Resolution 2011-125.

Section 3. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 18th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2015

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman
RESOLUTION 2015 – 155

A RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE METRO FARE POLICY AND METROLIFT FARE POLICY TO BALANCE QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (ADA), WHILE ACCOMMODATING ANNUAL GROWTH IN OPERATING COSTS AND PASSENGER TRIPS; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, METROLift fares are one of the lowest of peer agencies; and

WHEREAS, the METRO Fare Policy was restructured by Board Resolution 2006-68; and

WHEREAS, the METROLift fare structure was established by Board Resolution 1991-142 and has not been adjusted in 24 years; and

WHEREAS, METRO has provided METROLift service to customers outside of the mandated American with Disabilities Act requirements; and

WHEREAS, METRO desires to balance quality of service with the sustainability of the services to continue to meet the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) while accommodating annual growth in operating costs and passengers trips; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the METROLift fare policy as follows:

- METROLift Fare discount for paratransit origin to a METRO fixed route facility;
- METROLift fare of $1.25 for ADA paratransit origins and destinations;
- METROLIFT fare discount of 10% for the purchase of a ticket book;
- METROLift fare of $2.50 for trips with origins and destinations in the existing expanded service area, which is beyond the ADA required ¾ mile from a fixed route;
- METROLift fares will be increased by the same annual percent change in social security benefits and rounded to the closest five cents;
- METROLift annual passes for $418.50 per year and monthly passes for $47.25 per month good for origins and destinations within the ADA required ¾ mile from a fixed route, which will be reviewed by the Board of Directors in one year;
- METROLift eligible customers ride at no-cost on METRO’s fixed route service.
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 METRO Fare Policy
and METROLift Fare Policy as follows:

• METROLift Fare discount for paratransit origin to a METRO fixed route facility;
• METROLift fare of $1.25 for ADA paratransit origins and destinations;
• METROLIFT fare discount of 10% for the purchase of a ticket book;
• METROLift fare of $2.50 for trips with origins and destinations in the existing
  expanded service area, which is beyond the ADA required ¼ mile from a fixed
  route;
• METROLift fares will be increased by the same annual percent change in social
  security benefits and rounded to the closest five cents;
• METROLift annual passes for $418.50 per year and monthly passes for $47.25
  per month good for origins and destinations within the ADA required ¼ mile
  from a fixed route, which will be reviewed by the Board of Directors in one year;
• METROLift eligible customers ride at no-cost on METRO’s fixed route service.

Section 2. This resolution supersedes Board Resolution 1991-142 and amends Board Resolution
2006-68.

Section 3. The amendments to the METRO Fare Policy and METROLift Fare Policy shall be
effective February 1, 2016.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 18th day of November, 2015
APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2015

ATTEST:
Gilbert Andrew Garcia, CFA
Chairman