

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF LEWISVILLE SUPPORTING THE DENTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S (DCTA) PROPOSED ON-DEMAND SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND THE ACCESSIBILITY OF TRANSIT SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES OF LEWISVILLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) is a coordinated county transportation authority created by House Bill 3323, under Chapter 460 of the Texas Transportation Code; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, City of Lewisville residents approved a half cent sales tax to DCTA; and

WHEREAS, Lewisville, Denton, and Highland Village are the three member cities contributing sales tax to DCTA; and

WHEREAS, of the three member cities, the Lewisville community contributes the largest amount of sales tax to DCTA, over \$14 million dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, Lewisville currently has two fixed bus routes, Denton has six fixed bus routes, and Highland Village's entire municipality is served by a subsidized ride-share partnership with Lyft; and

WHEREAS, on an average day, the DCTA fixed route bus system only serves one-tenth of one percent (.1%) of the citizens of Lewisville; and

WHEREAS, DCTA commissioned a study that showed that fixed bus routes are warranted when there is a minimum of ten boardings per hour; and

WHEREAS, none of the Lewisville fixed bus routes meet that minimum threshold set forth in the DCTA study; and

WHEREAS, DCTA is currently considering a proposed service delivery model to include on-demand rideshare service that would potentially replace existing fixed route bus service; and

WHEREAS, as a member city that provides a dedicated sales tax revenue stream to DCTA, the provision of public transportation to a majority of Lewisville residents is a priority of the Lewisville City Council; and

WHEREAS, Lewisville's current fixed bus routes are accessible (within a quarter of a mile) to approximately 59,760 residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed on-demand service would increase access and be accessible to approximately 90,564 residents; and

WHEREAS, DCTA's current fixed bus route for Lewisville are accessible (within a quarter of a mile) to approximately 2,215 businesses; and

WHEREAS, DCTA's proposed on-demand service for Lewisville would increase access and be accessible to approximately 3,378 businesses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed on-demand service would extend services and connect areas not currently served in Lewisville such as mobile home parks, all major business parks, additional senior living facilities, Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area, Thrive, Lewisville Lake, the DCTA train stations and other key areas of interest; and

WHEREAS, the DCTA Board of Directors is also considering extending the on-demand services to Castle Hills, an area within Lewisville's extraterritorial jurisdiction, upon annexation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed on-demand service would make it easier for employees and residents to commute by mass transit, thereby furthering Lewisville's sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, the proposed on-demand service can be marketed to attract/retain new employees and expand economic development, thereby creating more jobs and tax base for the community; and

WHEREAS, the current Lewisville fixed bus routes pick up passengers once every thirty minutes, and the proposed on-demand service anticipates picking up passengers within ten to fifteen minutes of receiving requests for pickup; and

WHEREAS, the proposed on-demand service will extend the hours in which mass transit is available in Lewisville; and

WHEREAS, the DCTA Board of Directors is currently scheduled to consider approval of the on-demand service at their July 22, 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Lewisville City Council finds it in the public interest to support the proposed on-demand service delivery model to ensure the needs of the citizens in the Lewisville community are addressed.

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

SECTION 1. The findings and recitation contained in the preamble of this resolution are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City of Lewisville supports DCTA's on-demand service delivery model due to the significant number of benefits to residents, businesses, and visitors.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISVILLE, TEXAS THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

CITY OF LEWISVILLE, TEXAS

TJ Gilmore, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Julie Worster, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lizbeth Plaster, CITY ATTORNEY