

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS, SUPPORTING DART BOARD DESIGN AND REALIGNMENT OF THE COTTON BELT RAIL LINE THROUGH GRANT FUNDING AND THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION'S RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FINANCING PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, regional passenger rail service substantially benefits regional mobility, improves air quality initiatives and improves the quality of life for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, only the development of the full Cotton Belt Rail Line would connect Fort Worth, D/FW International Airport, Dallas, Coppell, Carrollton, Addison, the University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson and Plano; and

**WHEREAS**, previous administration and City Council have supported development of the Cotton Rail Line; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of such rail line passes through the City of Coppell; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coppell has strongly supported Transit-Oriented Development (TOD); and

**WHEREAS**, the owners of the properties adjacent to the City of Coppell have developed a strong local partnership and believe the southern alignment in Coppell will offer the greatest operational benefits to connect the Cotton Belt Rail Line to current Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (DART) transportation rail; lines; and

**WHEREAS**, the DART is considering resetting the delivery of the Cotton Belt Rail Line to 2022; and now is undertaken the possible realignment through the City of Coppell

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Coppell fully supports DART Board redesign and realignment of the Cotton Belt Rail line throughout Coppell from Luna Road westward to Freeport Parkway which would incorporate a Southern reconfiguration to provide a station in the Northlake / Cypress Water Campus subject to:

A. Grade separation at South Belt Line Road;

- B. Quiet zones at Fairway Drive, MacArthur Boulevard, Mockingbird Road, Moore Road, south Coppel Road, Freeport Parkway and at locations where track crosses East Belt Line Road to move to Cypress Waters and on Southwestern Boulevard where track returns to current rail bed;
- C. Sound walls and other noise attenuation elements along the route adjacent to single family residential areas as determined by the City; and
- D. Trail by Rail segments along entire route through Coppel.

**SECTION 2.** That the City of Coppel fully supports DART's efforts to proceed immediately with the processes for design and funding through the Federal Railroad Administration's Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program for the Cotton Belt Rail Line.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Coppell, Texas on  
this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2017.

**CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS**

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Karen Selbo-Hunt, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Christel Pettinos, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Robert E. Hager, City Attorney