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Town of Ashland City

Resolution Ratifying Continued Membership in the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee

WHEREAS, public transportation provides access to life-essential goods and services for all citizens across Middle Tennessee including citizens with disabilities, low income individuals and older residents; and

WHEREAS, public transportation provides transportation to and from work, increases access to businesses, and spurs economic development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, public transportation offers local agencies across the region an invaluable tool for addressing growth pressures by expanding options to increase capacity on the transportation system to meet growing travel demands associated with new development; and

WHEREAS, public transportation has a proven role in promoting environmental sustainability by reducing air and water pollution, offering substantial energy savings, and supporting quality growth principles aimed at conserving land and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation in 2009 creating Title 64, Chapter 8, Part 2, of the Tennessee Code, codified at *Tennessee Code Annotated* § 64-8-201 through § 64-8-208, which allows the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee to assume and have authority to exercise additional powers, duties, and functions; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2011 and in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated* § 64-8-203(b), the Board of the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee voted unanimously to assume and have authority to exercise the powers, duties, and functions under *Tennessee Code Annotated* Title 64, Chapter 8, Part 2 which provides capabilities that will be essential to expanding regional transportation in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, *Tennessee Code Annotated* § 64-8-203(b) provides that, if current local government members desire to continue their membership, they must do so by the date set by the Board of the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee set December 31, 2011 as the deadline for local governments to ratify their continued membership in the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee under *Tennessee Code Annotated* Title 64, Chapter 8, Parts 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of Ashland City, has concluded that it is in its benefit to remain a member of the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee following its assumption of powers, duties, and functions under *Tennessee Code Annotated* Title 64, Chapter 8, Part 2;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated* § 64-8-203, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council OF THE Town of Ashland City THAT the Town of Ashland City RATIFIES ITS CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE:

Adopted this 11th day of October, 2011 by the City Council of the Town of Ashland City.

Gary Norwood

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder