



25 County; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

26 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

27 The City Manager shall coordinate with CapMetro and Travis County to  
28 explore the cost and feasibility of continuing fare-free voting on Election Day  
29 during the 2026 general election, as well as the opportunity to expand fare-free  
30 voting to additional days during the early voting period.

31 As part of this inquiry, the City Manager should consider data from  
32 CapMetro and Travis County, including how CapMetro ridership has increased  
33 during prior fare-free days and which early voting days have the highest voter  
34 participation.

35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

36 The City Manager shall recommend to Council during the Fiscal Year 2027  
37 budget process how the City of Austin can support fare-free voting during the 2026  
38 election cycle, including on Election Day and during high-turnout days during the  
39 early voting period. In preparation for this recommendation, the Manager shall ask  
40 Travis County to consider cost-sharing for any proposed fare-free days.

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43 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

44 Erika Brady  
45 City Clerk  
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