

RESOLUTION NO. 120719

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a cooperative agreement for the purpose of allocating responsibilities for the design, construction, management and operations of the streetcar.

WHEREAS, the City is firmly committed to the establishment of a successful streetcar system and has demonstrated the same through its actions in petitioning to establish a transportation development district, aggressively pursuing a variety of federal and state funding sources, committing public funds in support of project development and ongoing operations, implementing transit oriented development and regulatory process improvements, and engaging the public; and

WHEREAS, the streetcar system is a public amenity that will improve corridor accessibility through transit, better connect the City's major activity and employment centers, elevate the quality and functioning of the region's transit system, encourage pedestrian traffic, promote economic growth and the development of new commercial and residential improvements, foster the highest and best usage of available real estate, enhance the City's tax base, and alleviate vehicular congestion; and

WHEREAS, the City is exercising a governmental function in pursuing the implementation of a sustainable, expandable mass transit system, and such system advances a myriad of governmental purposes including, but not limited to, those set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledged from the inception of the project that those having a direct financial stake in the project should have input in decision regarding the design, construction, management and operation of the streetcar; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a nonprofit corporation – Kansas City Streetcar Authority, Inc. (“Streetcar Authority”) – as previously authorized by Committee Substitute for Resolution No. 120692 provides a mechanism for ensuring commercial and residential stakeholder input and garnering professional assistance in the day-to-day management and operation of the City's mass transit system; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the City Manager is authorized to execute a cooperative agreement between the City of Kansas City, Missouri, Kansas City Streetcar Authority, Inc., and Kansas City Downtown Streetcar Transportation Development District for the purpose of establishing a framework for allocating responsibility regarding the design, construction, management and operations of the streetcar.
