

**MEMPHIS AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 01-09**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF TOP PRIORITY CORRIDOR
FOR REGIONAL RAIL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) developed a Regional Transit/Rail Plan for the Memphis area which recommended investments in high capacity rail service in three corridors by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the three corridors primarily serve the North, South, and Southeast portions of the Memphis area, respectively; and

WHEREAS, MATA initiated an effort to reevaluate the three corridors and select the one top priority corridor to be advanced into the Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Impact Statement phase first; and

WHEREAS, a Regional Rail Steering Committee consisting of individuals representing a broad range of community interests was convened to assist with selection of the top priority corridor advise on funding and public relations issues; and

WHEREAS, MATA and the Regional Rail Steering Committee utilized information regarding mobility, year 2020 growth projections, cost, development benefits and other factors to evaluate the corridors; and

WHEREAS, four public meetings were held to receive input from the public; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Rail Steering Committee has recommended that the Southeast Corridor be chosen as the top priority corridor and that emphasis be placed on providing a connection to the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Committee further recommended that as planning progresses, a broader service plan be developed that would permit expansion of high capacity rail service to other corridors and identify region-wide bus service needs; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council has endorsed the top priority corridor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MEMPHIS AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY That the Southeast Corridor with a connection to the Airport be adopted as the top priority corridor for detailed study of high capacity rail service.

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