

**MEMPHIS AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 02-20

**RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES 2B AND 3 FROM
DOWNTOWN-AIRPORT CORRIDOR STUDY**

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, a Regional Rail Steering Committee consisting of individuals representing a broad range of community interests was convened to advise on development of the program; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2001, the MATA Board of Commissioners adopted the Downtown-Airport Corridor as the top priority for detailed study and implementation, based on a recommendation of the Regional Rail Steering Committee and endorsement by the Memphis City Council; and

WHEREAS, as part of the detailed study phase, alternative alignments were evaluated for suitability in the Downtown-Airport Corridor, including Alternative 1-Madison/Cooper/Young/Airways/Plough, Alternative 2A-Pauline/Crump/Lamar/Airways/Plough, Alternative 2B-Vance/City Lead Railroad/BNSF Railroad/Airways/Plough, and Alternative 3-I-240 Midtown/I-240 South Leg/Plough; and

WHEREAS, public meetings were held to receive input from the public regarding alignment alternatives as well as other aspects of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Rail Steering Committee has recommended that Alternative 2B and Alternative 3 be eliminated from further consideration based on the results of the evaluation and only Alternative 1 and Alternative 2A be carried forward for additional study; and

WHEREAS, A range of minor alignment options in the downtown area and the Airport area will be evaluated for Alternative 1 and Alternative 2A in the next phase of study.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MEMPHIS AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY That Alternative 2B and Alternative 3 be eliminated from further consideration as alignment alternatives in the Downtown-Airport Corridor.

Motion Made By: Ray Holt SECONDED: Vicki Cloud

YEA: M. P. Carter, Cliffie Pugh, Dick Walker, Ray Holt, Vicki Cloud, Rosetta Perkins

NAY: None

Approved: March 25, 2002

Absent at Time: Karl Birkholz