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Mr. Jerry Weiland
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Re: Lead Implementation City Final Selection

Dear Mr. Weiland and RMI Mobility Team,

I write in strong support of the City of Austin's selection as the Rocky Mountain Institute's Mobility City of the Future. I was pleased to see that Austin was selected as one of the two finalists to be the Lead Implementation City.

As a native Austinite, I have seen my hometown grow from its small-town roots into a world-class city known for its culture, vibrant parks and green spaces, a thriving business and technology sector, and so much more. While this growth has brought many positive developments to our community, it has also created new challenges for our transportation infrastructure.

The Central Texas area currently has large investments in updating and expanding area roadways, is a test city for Google's Autonomous Vehicles and Google Fiber and is home to Car2Go and RideScout. There is also a sizable and engaged bicycle community and a successful and growing bike-share program. Capital Metro, our transit authority, has seen an ongoing increase in ridership on special services as well as those routes particularly serving commuters. The agency is also engaged in corridor planning with regional partners, including those municipalities outside its current taxing and service district.

Austin's unique position as a center for tech innovation and rapid growth makes it an ideal and natural site for developing creative transportation solutions. I understand that a partnership with RMI would allow Austin to lead the nation toward a mobility system of the future. Again, I write to ask your full and fair consideration of Austin's selection to be the Lead Implementation City for the RMI.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett