

## **A RESOLUTION OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING DIRECTION TO ITS APPOINTEE TO THE DCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WHEREAS**, Denton City Council has a duty to protect the safety of Denton's residents and visitors, and also that of the residents of and visitors to the other member cities of the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA), which is funded in part by Denton's municipal sales tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the group No Bus Cuts Denton has produced high-quality research (available at [www.NoBusCutsDenton.org](http://www.NoBusCutsDenton.org)) showing that area police departments are frequently being called for incidents involving GoZone vehicles managed by the Via corporation under contract to the DCTA; and

**WHEREAS**, these calls for service have occurred at rates of approximately one every ten days (Denton Police Department) and one every six days (Lewisville Police Department); and

**WHEREAS**, these calls for service include an accident with an injury caused by a Via GoZone vehicle (Denton Police Department Call for Service #21110545) and a hit-and-run by a Via GoZone vehicle (Denton Police Department Call for Service #21108798).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Denton City Council instructs its appointee to the DCTA Board of Directors, Council Member Alison Maguire, to strongly advocate at a board meeting as soon as possible for the board to direct its staff to do the following, immediately.

- 1) Acquire the license plate numbers and vehicle identification numbers of *all* of the vehicles that have provided GoZone rideshare service managed by Via under contract to DCTA. (It appears that vehicles from Via's Arlington, TX, operation provided these services in Lewisville from the beginning of the GoZone service on September 7, 2021, until approximately the end of October 2021; license plate numbers and vehicle identification numbers for forty-six Via GoZone vehicles are visible in a video that can be accessed at [www.NoBusCutsDenton.org](http://www.NoBusCutsDenton.org).)

2) File open records requests with the Denton, Highland Village, UNT, TWU, and Lewisville police departments and the Denton County Sheriff's Office for calls for service involving vehicles with these license plates numbers beginning September 7, 2021 and ending on the latest date possible.

3) Use the vehicle identification numbers to search the LexisNexis C.L.U.E. Auto database beginning September 7, 2021 and ending on the latest date possible for auto insurance claims involving the vehicles providing the DCTA's GoZone service.

4) Publish the results of this research on the DCTA website, and also report the findings at public meetings of the Denton, Highland Village, and Lewisville city councils and the Denton County Commissioners Court.