

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin encourages multi-modal transportation to improve traffic congestion, air quality, and the health of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is committed to providing safe, efficient, and accessible bicycle facilities for all residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has been designated as Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, is working to achieve Gold or even Platinum designation, and aspires to be the most bike friendly city in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the entire community, regardless of age, economic situation, or ability, should be encouraged to walk or cycle in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, Ciclovias, motor-vehicle free events that connect runners, skaters, and cyclists throughout the city, began in 1976, and now attract millions of people to events around the world; and

WHEREAS, many cities in the United States including El Paso, Baltimore, Las Cruces, Cleveland, San Francisco, Portland, Chicago, and New York have held car-free Ciclovía-inspired events; and

WHEREAS, there is significant community interest in Austin to organize a motor-vehicle free event for Bicycle Awareness Month in May, 2010; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to work with the community including cycling advocates, other governmental entities, and neighborhood representatives to create a Ciclovia type event to improve public health and encourage cycling to occur in May 2010 with potential for future events and develop partnerships with the community that will organize and host this event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager give an update to the Council Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee of the plan before implementation including fiscal impact.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk