

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan (“Imagine Austin”) calls for “the alignment of land use and transportation planning and decision-making to achieve a compact and connected city”; and

WHEREAS, I-35 has historically been a barrier between east Austin and the rest of the city; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Bond afforded \$1 million for the development of innovative solutions to address congestion on I-35; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2013, I-35 was declared the most congested corridor in Texas by the Texas Transportation Institute; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in coordination with the Local Rider 42 Local Working Group and other transportation partners, worked for most of 2012 and 2013 on the I-35 Capital Area Improvement Program (CAIP) and published the I-35 CAIP Corridor Implementation Plan in August 2013; and

WHEREAS, the CAIP’s goals include improving east-west connectivity, improving compatibility with neighborhoods, and enhancing bicycle, pedestrian, and transit options; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT’s I-35 CAIP Corridor Implementation Plan calls for the closure of the east/west vehicular bridges and underpasses that provide current east/west access across I-35 at: St. John’s Avenue, 38 1/2 St., 32nd St., Manor Road, 6th St., and Woodland Ave; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT's I-35 CAIP Corridor Implementation Plan calls for increased vehicular use of existing frontage roads with operational improvements that call for the removal of all left turns from frontage roads, necessitating a series of new turn-around bridges and removal of existing east/west bridges; and

WHEREAS, decreasing east-west connectivity necessitates traveling much longer distances to cross the corridor, and increases per capita vehicle miles traveled significantly; and

WHEREAS, existing east-west access across the I-35 corridor should be improved to accommodate Austin's future growth in a compact and connected land use pattern; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to consider the tenets of Imagine Austin and support I-35 alternatives that are in keeping with the compact and connected vision set forth in that plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to keep the community actively informed and engaged in discussing the alternatives, their potential impacts, and the timelines associated with the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to preserve as a priority improved east-west connectivity when discussing the potential alternatives for I-35 corridor improvements.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk