

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, traffic and safety concerns are universal around all schools; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Austin's public and private schools are not located directly next to another school; and

WHEREAS, two or more schools co-located on a constrained site creates unique challenges in terms of traffic circulation conflicts and congestion; and

WHEREAS, the National Safe Routes to Schools Program and the Institute of Transportation Engineers' "School Site Planning, Design, and Transportation" provide guidance for investigating and developing strategies to address traffic safety concerns around schools; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to make walking and bicycling to school safer and more accessible for children, including those with disabilities, and to increase the number of children who choose to walk and bicycle to school; and

WHEREAS, collaborative and comprehensive efforts can be employed to develop programs which can enhance children's health and well-being, ease traffic congestion near schools, improve air quality and improve community members' overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, community-based efforts that make measurable improvements will be rewarded with safer places for children to walk and

bicycle, and more children choosing safe routes to school; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to initiate a study to examine transportation issues that arise for areas around co-located and/or adjoining schools, foster a collaborative effort between City staff, school officials, and parents, and develop short-term and long-term recommendations to address any identified problems.

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