RESOLUTION NO. 20140925-089

WHEREAS, for the past several years the City of Austin has experienced a growth pattern that results in approximately 25,000 new residents per year; and

WHEREAS, the area bounded by Highway 183 and Metric, IH-35, Kramer and Braker Lanes is represented by several planning areas, including Georgian Acres, North Austin Civic Association (NACA) and North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (NLCT) that work for the good of all stakeholders (residents, property owners, business owners, and associations); and

WHEREAS, neighborhoods throughout Austin have experienced redevelopment activity that has created pressure on residents and small businesses concerning their ability to afford to stay in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, although the 2014 Comprehensive Housing Market Study shows that a high proportion of residential units in this area are currently affordable to lower income households, the NACA/NLCT area does not meet the criteria for designation as a Homestead Preservation District; and

WHEREAS, currently the city has several initiatives moving forward within NACA/NLCT such as Restore Rundberg, bond and grant-funded North Lamar Boulevard improvements, Project Connect, and use of affordable housing bonds; and

WHEREAS, other government and private entities have initiatives in the area including a new school and transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, Imagine Austin has designated two intersecting Activity Corridors and a Neighborhood Center within NACA/NLCT; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the water quality in Little Walnut Creek be protected and enhanced during and after construction of North Lamar Blvd. improvements and surrounding sites; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's Capital Planning Office has developed a Long-Range Capital Improvement Plan which is a cross-departmental planning effort for public investments; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to coordinate across city departments and with other agencies to ensure these initiatives are systemically successful and reflect the residents' and small business owners' vision to be able to stay in the area after the completion of current and future projects; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to identify current and future initiatives and capital projects within the area bounded by I-35, Highway 183, Mopac and Walnut Creek and to ensure the responsible departments coordinate their efforts and

engage with citizens and neighborhood planning area representatives and other appropriate stakeholders and integrate feedback into projects.

ADOPTED: September 25, 2014

ATTEST: -Case 1 Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk