

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) in Travis County was ranked as the most congested roadway for truck traffic and the second most congested roadway overall in Texas in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) estimates that this congestion costs Texans over \$196 million every year; and

WHEREAS, according to TxDOT, large trucks make up 23 percent of all I-35 traffic; and

WHEREAS, toll discounts offered by TxDOT for State Highway 130 (SH 130) since 2011 have increased the number of large truck transactions on SH 130 by about 45 percent; and

WHEREAS, this suggests the discount diverted more than 1,000 trucks from I-35 to SH 130 every day; and

WHEREAS, proposed state legislation would instruct TxDOT to develop a toll discount program that would apply to large trucks for the state-operated portions of SH 130; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council encourages the Texas Legislature to adopt legislation that would offer discounts on state-owned portions of SH 130 through the 2015 – 2016 biennium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council supports the passage of House Bill 594 and Senate Bill 270 during the 84th Legislative Session and wishes to communicate that support to members of the City of Austin delegation, the entire Legislature, and the public.

ADOPTED: _____, 2015

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk