



Item From Council
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 36
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Posting Language: Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate the street vacation process for the 400 block of San Antonio, begin discussions with the General Services Administration regarding the reopening of the 300 block of 9th Street, and to study the possibility of the extension of Nueces Street South to connect with Cesar Chavez.

Proposed meeting date: THU 02/12/2004

Sponsor: Mayor Will Wynn

Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Brewster
McCracken

Co-sponsor 2:

Date by which the City Manager is requested to report back to Council:

Draft Resolution/Ordinance attached:

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in order to meet the security requirements for the new federal courthouse at Republic Square Park, the General Services Administration has requested that the City of Austin vacate a portion of the right-of-way that comprises the 400 block of San Antonio Street; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council finds that it is reasonable to initiate the street vacation process for the entire portion of the 400 block of San Antonio Street; and

WHEREAS, *the closure of the 400 block of San Antonio Street* (in combination with the proposed extension of Nueces Street from Second Street to Cesar Chavez Street) will not harm downtown traffic flow, but will enable the construction of a landmark courthouse and enhance Republic Square Park through expansion and potential contributions for improvement; and

WHEREAS, close cooperation with the federal government in this process will, in addition to providing for a better courthouse and park, also open the door to other opportunities to improve mobility in and through downtown Austin, such as the reopening of the 300 block of Ninth Street to public traffic;
now, therefore,

be it RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to:

1. initiate the street vacation process for the 400 block of San Antonio Street for the proposed federal courthouse site;
2. begin discussions with the General Services Administration and other federal government representatives regarding the vacation of the 400 block of San Antonio Street, and the reopening of the 300 block of Ninth Street;
3. to study the possibility of the extension of Nueces Street south from Second Street to connect with Cesar Chavez Street; and
4. return to Council with recommendations for action and appropriate agenda items.

ADOPTED: _____, 2004

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk