RESOLUTION NO. 050303-45

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

WHEREAS, it has been a stated goal of the City of Austin to remove economic and cultural barriers separating East and West Austin for many decades; and

WHEREAS, the area beneath and surrounding I-35 in downtown Austin are the most visible physical barrier between East and West Austin; and

WHEREAS, the areas beneath I-35 in downtown Austin are unattractive and an unpleasant environment for residents, business owners and visitor alike; and,

WHEREAS, the I-35 Makeover Coalition, a citizen group representing neighborhood and business interests, was formed to develop a plan for improvements to areas under I-35 in downtown Austin; and

WHEREAS, the I-35 Makeover Coalition will raise money for the planning component of the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition is working with the City staff in the development of a Request for Proposal for commercial parking lot operation and management for the parking lots underneath I-35 between 6th and 8th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition is committed to working with the parking operator and city staff to maximize the impact of the parking funds to be used for the project; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council recognizes the I-35 Makeover Coalition as the official stakeholder group in the I-35 Makeover project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council supports using the parking revenue from the I-35 parking lots to make improvements that are consistent with a City and State approved I-35 Makeover Plan.

ADOPTED: March 3, 2005

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Brown

City Clerk