

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan sets connectivity as a primary goal of the City's land use and transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, alleys and rights-of-way play an important role in bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, as well as automobile mobility, particularly in a dense environment like downtown; and

WHEREAS, the October 2, 2014 memo from Office of Real Estate Services states that during the alley vacation process, the applicant is asked to demonstrate that the vacation furthers the goals of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, and at times an access easement is retained so that bicycle and pedestrian connectivity is upheld; and

WHEREAS, when the alley between the 500 block of Congress Avenue and Brazos Street was vacated, an access easement was retained; and

WHEREAS, the current owner of 501 Congress Avenue has obstructed the alley throughout the redevelopment process for that property, despite the existence of an access easement intended to provide a public connection for bicycles and pedestrians; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to create a process to maintain public access across existing access easements and report back to Council, including any recommendations for City Code amendments, by February 28, 2015.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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