

RESOLUTION NO. 20130620-056

WHEREAS, Austin recently approved the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan which includes a broad vision of a compact and connected city; and

WHEREAS, a compact and connected city provides people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities with safer and more efficient access to homes, jobs, schools, arts and cultural amenities; and

WHEREAS, the final priority program laid out in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan is to “revise Austin’s development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city”; and

WHEREAS, the process to revise our land development code has just begun and is likely to take several years; and

WHEREAS, in the meantime, applications for zoning changes are regularly brought to the City Council for action without information regarding the impact of the zoning change or its conditions on bicycle and pedestrian connectivity; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle access prohibitions are a common condition of a zoning change and can have a range of implications on the connectedness of any particular area; and

WHEREAS, transportation planners review zoning cases for motor vehicle transportation implications of the zoning change; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Connectivity Division of the Public Works Department reviews Planned Unit Developments to ensure that they

contribute to connectivity in the area where they are located; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to ensure that the Neighborhood Connectivity Division of the Public Works Department reviews all zoning cases and includes in the staff report what effects, if any, the zoning change or its conditions may have on bicycle and pedestrian connectivity.

The City Manager is further directed to ensure that the transportation planners reviewing zoning cases for implications on motor vehicle transportation should include in the staff report what effects, if any, the zoning change or its conditions may have on motor vehicle connectivity.

ADOPTED: June 20, 2013

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk