

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Austin is now the 11th largest city in the U.S and our Metropolitan Statistical Area is projected to pass two million in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has an interest in the mobility provided by our transportation network for through traffic, local traffic and for both north-south and east-west mobility; and

WHEREAS, according to information from the Census Bureau, during the last three years, our metro area has seen the fastest growth among the top 30 metropolitan areas in the country with approximately 110 people moving to the area every single day and is expected to continue being one of the fastest growing regions in America; and

WHEREAS, on the INRIX web site, Austin is listed as one of the most gridlocked cities in America, wedged between San Francisco and New York; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Transportation Institute's "Mobility Investment Priority Study" concluded that all transportation modes will be required to address our growing traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, our region is conducting major planning efforts for high capacity transit through Project Connect (connects 4 counties, 13 cities and 25 activity centers), which produced Mobility 35, a feasibility study to improve the efficiency of our nation's 4th most congested roadway (I-35); and Capital Area Metropolitan Planning

Organization (CAMPO) is developing their 2040 Long Range Plan which includes projects of regional significance; the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) is constructing express lanes on MoPac North and conducting an environmental study on MoPac South from Cesar Chavez to Slaughter Lane; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has partnered with other transportation organizations on regional roadway facilities and high capacity transit including the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on Mobility 35; and with the Mobility Authority on the MoPac Improvement Project; and with CAMPO, Lone Star Rail, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority on Project Connect; and

WHEREAS, solutions to mobility requires a multi-modal transportation system that works seamlessly together to address congestion and increase mobility throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the design and successful implementation of mobility improvements to the IH 35 Corridor through central Austin represents a major opportunity for our community to address the long standing east/west mobility barriers and deficiencies of Austin's busiest road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is considering a transportation bond referendum in November of 2014; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council directs the City Manager to brief Council, by June 26, 2014, on

potential road and highway improvements, that are consistent with the values set forth by City Council in the Imagine Austin Plan, for IH-35 and other road projects of regional significance, including options for funding to construct and plan these projects, partnering opportunities with other transportation agencies, and the potential for including these projects in the November 2014 bond referendum.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk