

1                                   **RESOLUTION NO. 20190619-0XX**

2           **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20040212-035 initiated the Rainey Street area  
3 rezoning and the regulations review for the Rainey Street Subdistrict of the  
4 Waterfront Overlay Combining District; and

5           **WHEREAS**, subsequent to the rezonings, the Rainey Street area has been  
6 the site of tremendous residential and commercial growth and redevelopment; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Rainey Street area residents and business owners have  
8 repeatedly requested that the City develop a master plan to identify strategies for  
9 managing mobility challenges for the thousands of current Rainey residents and the  
10 several thousand more on the way; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP), adopted on April  
12 11, 2019, references the need to improve mobility in the Rainey Street  
13 neighborhood; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) is proposing a  
15 local mobility plan for the Rainey Street neighborhood as part of the Austin Core  
16 Transportation Plan; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the Rainey Neighborhood Mobility Study and Plan prepared  
18 by Big Red Dog in May 2017 provided comprehensive recommendations for  
19 mobility improvements in the Rainey area; and

20           **WHEREAS**, the pedestrian volume data collected by Big Red Dog at the  
21 intersection of Rainey and River Street counted more than 1,500 pedestrians on a  
22 single Saturday between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m.; and

23           **WHEREAS**, on June 10,<sup>th</sup> a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle on Rainey  
24 Street and sustained life-threatening injuries; and

25           **WHEREAS**, the ASMP and the Congress Avenue Initiative both  
26 recommend piloting a neighborhood shared streets program that uses traffic  
27 calming and streetscape features that enable streets to be converted easily to public  
28 use on weekends or during special events; and

29           **WHEREAS**, the Austin Police Department closes Sixth Street from Red  
30 River to Brazos Streets on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings from 9:00  
31 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.; and

32           **WHEREAS**, on May 23<sup>rd</sup> the City Council approved the Palm District Plan  
33 that initiated a broader approach to mobility in this area and could be informed by  
34 this near-term approach; and

35           **WHEREAS**, exploring such a strategy for Rainey Street in coordination  
36 with ATD's mobility study would result in data that could determine whether such  
37 a closure improves or worsens safety and mobility in the area;

38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF**  
39 **THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

40           The City Manager is directed to immediately initiate a shared streets pilot on  
41 Rainey Street in coordination with ATD's local mobility plan for the Rainey Street  
42 neighborhood.

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

44           The City Manager is directed to determine the appropriate dates, times, and  
45 duration of this pilot in consultation with the Rainey Business Association, area

neighborhood associations, and the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the pilot should include consideration of options for electric vehicle shuttles from off-site parking facilities on city property and/or city right-of-way as well as designated queueing areas for taxis and transportation network companies.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk