

**RESOLUTION NO. 20190619-186**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The City Manager is directed to immediately initiate a shared streets pilot on Rainey Street in coordination with the Rainey local mobility study.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the City Manager shall determine the appropriate dates, times, and duration of this pilot in consultation with the Rainey Business Association, area

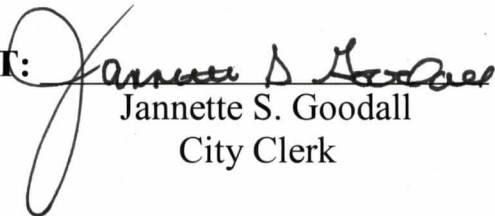
neighborhood associations, and the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Board.

**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:** June 19, 2019

**ATTEST:**

  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk