

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, Council passed Resolution 20170608-033, directing exploration of public safety and pedestrian enhancements for the Red River Cultural District; and

**WHEREAS**, staff provided memo responses to Council on March 20, 2018, and July 12, 2018, providing estimates for some other improvements but indicating that they had not identified funding sources for installation and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Fiscal Year 2019 budget deliberations, Council discussed a possible budget amendment to allocate money from the Great Streets Fund to Red River infrastructure improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, staff agreed at the time that although several projects were planned, the Great Streets Fund had a balance that would accommodate those planned projects as well as improvements along Red River Street; and

**WHEREAS**, after discussion, Council decided an amendment was unnecessary but directed the City Manager to allocate Great Streets funding for improvements in the Red River Cultural District and to upgrade the streetscape of this district to the extent practicable to achieve Great Street standards; and

**WHEREAS**, Council acknowledged that existing right-of-way and utility locations, public safety design considerations, and other factors related to the specific nature of the Red River Cultural District may limit the ability of achieving Great Streets standards within this Cultural District, however, the physical environment within the Red River Cultural District poses immediate needs for design that factors in safety and security due to its proximity to social service agencies; and

25           **WHEREAS**, it was determined that the Great Streets funding allocation shall  
26 allow for flexibility from the Great Streets standard to achieve safe, continuous,  
27 functional enhancements in the District; and

28           **WHEREAS**, the contractor recently submitted a building permit application  
29 for the gate and fence system described in Resolution 20170608-033; and

30           **WHEREAS**, nearly one year later, no other improvements with regard to  
31 adding trash receptacles, lighting, temporary art, sidewalk redesign, or safety  
32 improvements to the identified alley along Red River Street have been undertaken;  
33 and

34           **WHEREAS**, the contemplated improvements will honor the commitment the  
35 City Council has made to supporting place-making in and otherwise enhancing the  
36 Red River Cultural District; and

37           **WHEREAS**, much research demonstrates the role that the built environment  
38 can play in reducing crime; and

39           **WHEREAS**, in the last few weeks, several violent crimes have taken place in  
40 the vicinity of Red River Street; and

41           **WHEREAS** the City Council desires to move forward immediately with  
42 improvements that have been long-requested by business owners, employees,  
43 visitors, and others in the area; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

45           City Council directs the City Manager to use available funds from the Great  
46 Streets Program to move forward and expedite the projects described in Resolution  
47 20170608-033, with priority placed on installing trash receptacles, additional

lighting, and pedestrian mobility improvements as soon as possible with work to begin no later than November 1, 2019.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

City Council requests the City Manager to determine whether the permits for the fence and gate installation can be expedited in light of the expected improvements to public health and public safety that will result from its installation.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2019      **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk