

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

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3 **WHEREAS**, The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) proposing  
4 to lower I-35 with their Capital Express Central Project, the City has a unique  
5 opportunity to reconnect our community by creating community benefits; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the City’s Our Future 35: Connecting Equitably Study (“Our  
7 Future 35”) is a community-centered plan to co-create new community spaces over  
8 I-35 that connect downtown, improve mobility, and provide community amenities;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Our Future 35 will ensure that new infrastructure over I-35  
11 connects seamlessly to surrounding cultural and transportation networks, and will  
12 identify infrastructure improvements needed to link our community’s assets to the  
13 new public spaces over I-35; and

14 **WHEREAS**, planning grants from the United States Department of  
15 Transportation’s Fiscal Year 2022 Reconnecting Communities Pilot program are to  
16 be awarded on a competitive basis to support projects to reconnect communities  
17 that were previously cut off from economic opportunities through the removal,  
18 retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure  
19 facilities; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

21 The City Council authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to submit the Our  
22 Future 35: Connecting Equitably Study as a candidate for the Reconnecting  
23 Communities Pilot program, administered by the United States Department of  
24 Transportation.  
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**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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

Myrna Rios  
City Clerk

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