

**RESOLUTION NO. 20220929-059**

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

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

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

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

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


The City Council authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to submit the Our Future 35: Connecting Equitably Study as a candidate for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot program, administered by the United States Department of Transportation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Council further directs the City Manager to include the entire Capital Express Central Project between US 290 East and SH 71/Ben White Boulevard in the scope of the Future 35: Connecting Equitably Study.

**ADOPTED:** September 29, 2022

**ATTEST:**

  
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Myrna Rios  
City Clerk