

2/23 Item 44 - I-35 IFC
CM Vela Amendment 1 - V1

Submit all of the resolution as public comment from City Council to TxDOT

Amend line 79-81

Austin City Council offers the following comments to be included as official comments from the Council as part of public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-35 Capital Express Central Project:

To read as follows:

Austin City Council offers the following comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the I-35 Capital Express Central Project:

Add the following be it further resolved at the end of the resolution;

The City Manager is directed to submit this resolution as an official comment from the Austin City Council as public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the I-35 Capital Express Central Project. The City Manager is directed to submit the comment by Friday, March 3rd, 2022.

Reasoning:

In the original version of the resolution, only the items in the first 'be it further resolved' section were to be submitted as official public comment from the Austin City Council to TxDOT. This amendment includes the entirety of the resolution. The whereas in the resolution provide important context and reasoning for the items in the 'be it further resolved' section.

We considered rewriting the entire resolution as a public letter so we include reasoning, but chose to keep it as a resolution in order to avoid a major change in formatting and language from the resolution as originally posted.

This amendment also offers an explicit process for Council's comments to be submitted to TxDOT. The March 3rd deadline is intended to ensure that the comments are in before the official close of public comments on March 7th.

This amendment also clarifies the acronym for "Draft Environmental Impact Statement" as "DEIS" rather than "EIS".