

**RESOLUTION
OPPOSING THE CURRENT
CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S
PLANS TO CONSTRUCT ELEVATED LANES
ON HIGHWAY 1 (MOPAC) ACROSS LADYBIRD LAKE**

WHEREAS, The current Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's plans to construct double-decked elevated lanes on Highway 1 (MoPac) across Lady Bird Lake would significantly increase the noise, light and air pollution levels in the vicinity of such proposed lanes; and

WHEREAS, The City is situated on hills adjacent to MoPac which compounds not only the effect of pollution resulting from the proposed elevated highway, but would have a unique visual impact on residents of the City;

WHEREAS, Park development, general public use, and the use of the park areas by youth sports teams will be negatively impacted by such an increase in noise, light, and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, The exit for the planned lanes in the immediate vicinity of Austin High School is seen as an infringement on the school and will result in significant increase in pollution in the immediate vicinity of school sports activities and recreational activities occurring on the lake and adjacent hike and bike trails; and

WHEREAS, The plans for an elevated, direct connection express lane to terminate on the already congested Cesar Chavez will result in an increase in traffic congestion at the point of merger and will cause traffic backups on Mopac, Mopac frontage roads, and other roadways in the vicinity of the City; and

WHEREAS, The project's plan does not provide for such imminent additional capacity on Cesar Chavez street, particularly at the Lamar street bridge, into the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Rollingwood desires to work with the City of Austin and Travis County to develop alternatives to the proposed elevated additional lanes and exits;

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

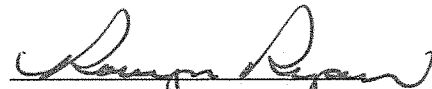
1. The City opposes the current Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's plans to construct double-decked elevated lanes on Highway 1 (MoPac) across Lady Bird Lake.

2. The City urges the City of Austin and/or County of Travis to work together with each other and all other affected jurisdictions to develop and propose alternatives to the double-decked elevated highway over Lady Bird Lake that will address traffic congestion on MoPac in a reasonably equivalent manner that minimizes the negative effects on property and uses in the vicinity of MoPac.

Passed and Approved the 15th day of April, 2015.


Thom Farrell, Mayor

Attest:


Robyn Ryan, City Secretary