



Austin Neighborhoods Council Resolution Regarding McPac South Expansion

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2015, the Austin City Council overwhelmingly passed resolution #20150507-026 urging the Capital Area Metropolitan Organization (CAMPO) to define the MoPac South expansion project in the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan as a “reconfiguration of South MoPac, with an unspecified or variable number of lanes, not to exceed two managed lanes in each direction”; and **WHEREAS**, the resolution also requests that the CAMPO board “approve the optimum configuration” for the MoPac South expansion project after completion of “a thorough environmental, traffic, and funding study and analysis”; and **WHEREAS**, the proposed elevated lanes and flyover connecting MoPac South to Cesar Chavez Street will harm the environment, increase noise and light pollution in adjacent neighborhoods, increase traffic congestion on Cesar Chavez Street, and tower over Zilker Park, the waterfront along Lady Bird Lake, and Austin High School; and **WHEREAS**, many citizens, residents of adjacent neighborhoods, Save Our Springs, Austin Parks and Recreation Board, and the Rollingwood City Council have expressed concerns about and opposition to the proposed elevated lanes and flyovers; and **WHEREAS**, protection and preservation of the open green space and beautiful vistas in and around the Waterfront and Barton Creek and Edwards Aquifer recharge zones are high-priority community values; and **WHEREAS**, other large cities like Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, and Seoul have rerouted, removed or reduced highways and elevated lanes to provide more public open space, enhance beautiful vistas, and increase access to waterfronts; **NOW, THEREFORE,**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) hereby supports Austin City Council resolution #20150507-026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ANC petitions the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) to determine the impact that additional lane(s) from MoPac South to Cesar Chavez Street will have on traffic flow on Cesar Chavez Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ANC hereby petitions the Austin City Council to oppose the proposed elevated lanes and flyovers in the MoPac South project and urge CAMPO, Central Texas Mobility Authority, and Texas Department of Transportation to identify multi-modal solutions to traffic congestion that facilitate mobility and access on MoPac South and do not include elevated lanes or flyovers at Lady Bird Lake.

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