RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the I-35 Capital Express North, I-35 Capital Express Central, and I-35 Capital Express South projects are a complete rebuild of Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) through Austin; and

WHEREAS, the rebuild of I-35 through Austin is a once in a generation opportunity to make transformative changes to I-35; and

WHEREAS, Austin established "Our Future 35" which is a community-led initiative to create public spaces along the I-35 corridor that will reconnect East and West Austin; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted Ordinance No. 20250522-043 which appropriated $63,000,000 in General Obligation (GO) bond funds for City costs related to the I-35 Cap and Stitch Program; and

WHEREAS, the $63,000,000 was for construction in the distant future of roadway elements for Cesar Chavez Street to 4th Street, 4th Street to 7th Street, 11th Street to 12th Street, and two northern stitches located on 41st Street and nearby the Redline Trail; and

WHEREAS, at the March 24, 2026, Council Work Session, the City Manager recommended that Council not commit any additional funding, outside of the $63,000,000 previously committed during the May 22, 2025, Council meeting, for construction in the near future of improvements under the I-35 Cap and Stitch Program; and

WHEREAS, the City was granted a State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) of $41,000,000 for the construction of the I-35 Cap and Stitch Program; and

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WHEREAS, rather than using the $63,000,000 in GO bond funds for construction of I-35 Cap and Stitch improvements in the distant future, the City could utilize the $41,000,000 SIB Loan combined with $8,800,000 in GO bond funds, for a total of $49,800,000, to construct I-35 Cap and Stitch improvements in the near future that will support the project's main goals, including improving east-west connections, offering more ways to get around safely, creating welcoming public spaces, and honoring the history and culture of the corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to work with TxDOT on a commitment of funding for the following I-35 Cap and Stitch near-future improvements detailed in Appendix A attached to this resolution:

- a 160-foot Cap located in front of Palm Park; and
- roadway elements for an 11th Street to 12th Street Cap.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to decrease the appropriated amount of GO bond funds that were previously committed during the May 22, 2025, Council Meeting from $63,000,000 to $8,800,000.

ADOPTED: _____, 2026 **ATTEST:** _____
Erika Brady
City Clerk

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