

26 **WHEREAS**, the collaborative efforts of the Austin Police Department
27 (APD), Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC), and the Development
28 Services Department (DSD) have resulted in targeted enforcement actions against
29 underage drinking, as well as the establishment of an interdepartmental team to
30 oversee safety improvements; and

31 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20220609-067 allocated resources for
32 additional HALO cameras and directed the City Manager to explore further
33 technological and procedural enhancements to support law enforcement efforts in
34 the district; and

35 **WHEREAS**, the Sixth Street Safety Plan, implemented in December 2024,
36 reopened Sixth Street to vehicular traffic on select evenings, leading to a reported
37 50% reduction in use-of-force incidents, an 11% decline in arrests, and fewer
38 injuries among officers and patrons; and

39 **WHEREAS**, the reorganization of the Economic Development Department
40 (EDD), DSD, and the newly established Office of Arts, Culture, Music &
41 Entertainment will reorganize the staffing and operational management of
42 programs related to public safety, mobility, and entertainment district
43 improvements; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

45 The City Manager is directed to provide the following transportation, public
46 safety, and economic impact data along with status updates for the Sixth Street
47 pilot program for future mid-term and long-term plans:
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49 **1. Data Collection & Reporting:**

- 50 • Collect data and metrics during the Sixth Street pilot program's
51 duration from multiple departments related to safety,
52 transportation, economic development, and impacts to local
53 businesses, including but not limited to pedestrian safety, crime
54 rates, City Code violations, line queuing issues, frequency of
55 overnight pilot removals due to overcrowding, feedback from
56 property owners, and a public survey assessing perceptions of
57 safety and vibrancy.

58 **2. Infrastructure & Mobility Improvements:**

- 59 • Develop and intentionally implement an interim design plan to
60 phase out fencing in favor of a solution aligned with the Austin
61 Core Transportation (ACT) Plan goals, including wider sidewalks
62 and an all ages and abilities bike facility, with implementation
63 timelines, cost estimates, and potential funding sources.
- 64 • Ensure project costs for the full reconstruction of Old 6th Street
65 from Brazos to I-35 are inclusive of all project needs, including but
66 not limited to green infrastructure, trees, and an all ages and
67 abilities bike facility.
- 68 • Full reconstructions should be phased if project cost exceeds
69 funding availability.
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71 **3. Parking & Transportation Coordination:**

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- 73 • Explore and implement ways to improve valet services to improve
74 traffic circulation and pedestrian safety, including use of nearby
75 public and private garages.
 - 76 • Determine how to enhance rideshare pick-up and drop-off
77 circulation in the area, including use of surface parking lots.
 - 78 • Explore ways in which alleyways can be utilized for enhanced
79 circulation and access for valet services, rideshare, and parking.
 - 80 • Continue efforts to expand the Affordable Parking Program, with a
81 focus on downtown workers and musicians during late night hours,
82 with special focus on working through any challenges for the
83 Convention Center and Austin Water garage use.
 - 84 • Coordinate with the Downtown Austin Alliance on their efforts for
85 a District Parking model.

86 **3. Public Safety & Business Regulation:**

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- 88 • Assess full-time employees and costs needed to support a year-
89 round Public Assembly Code Enforcement (PACE) team to
90 address public safety concerns, including, but not limited to, after-
91 hours establishments without a TABC license.
 - 92 • Conduct a stakeholder engagement survey regarding the
93 implementation of an entertainment license for businesses serving
liquor past midnight.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall provide quarterly updates in the form of a memorandum to the City Council, with the first by April 30th, 2025, and a presentation to the Mobility Committee on December 4, 2025.

ADOPTED: _____, 2025 **ATTEST:** _____

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