

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-2014**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,  
AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE ROADWAY CONNECTION BETWEEN  
STATE HIGHWAY 351 AND EAST LOWDEN STREET**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Abilene (City) as part of the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization has endorsed the need for an access management and roadway improvement project on State Highway 351 (SH 351) east of Interstate 20 (I-20); and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has prepared plans for an access management and roadway improvement project on SH 351 from I-20 to the east city limits which includes removal of the roadway connection between East Lowden Street and SH 351 and installation of a traffic signal at SH 351 and East Lake Rd; and

**WHEREAS**, TxDOT has vetted the SH 351 project design through their public involvement process, including a meeting for adjacent property owners and two public meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, East Lowden Street, a local city street, intersects SH 351 less than 200 feet from the East Lake Road intersection, a major intersection that will be signalized either as a separate project before or in conjunction with the SH 351 project and this close spacing between the East Lowden Street intersection and the East Lake Road intersection creates an undesirable situation that will become more problematic with the installation of the signal; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent extension of Enterprise Dr. from SH 351 to East Lowden Street constructed by the Development Corporation of Abilene provides good access to SH 351 for properties on East Lowden Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of the roadway connection between East Lowden Street and SH 351 is a necessary component of the access management and roadway improvement project on SH 351; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has the authority under Chapter 311 of the Texas Transportation Code to alter or close a public street;


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

**Part 1:** That the City Council the City of Abilene hereby authorizes the disconnection of East Lowden Street at SH 351.

**Part 2:** That the City Manager of the City of Abilene is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to effect the removal of the roadway connection between East Lowden Street and SH 351.

**ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

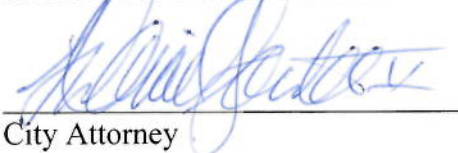
APPROVED:

  
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Norm Archibald, Mayor *Deputy Mayor Pro-tem*

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney