

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 6, 2009

**Parks and Recreation  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 15**

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**Subject:** Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Multiple Use Agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to allow construction of the Northern Walnut Creek hike and bike trail in the MoPac/Loop 1 right-of-way.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Ricardo Soliz, 974-9452

**Prior Council Action:** July 11, 2002 Council amended the Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Capital Budget of Ordinance No.010910-02 to accept a TEA – 21 grant and appropriate \$1,996,261 on reimbursable funds for the Texas Department of Transportation for the Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase 1 project. July 17, 2003 Council authorized entering into an advanced funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation Enhancement Project known as the Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase 1 and approved matching funds of \$1,330,841.

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The Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) is funded to build the 3.1 mile Northern Walnut Creek Trail between Balcones District Park and Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park in north Austin. The trail must cross Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) MoPac/Loop1 right of way near Park Bend Drive. TxDOT requires a Multiple Use Agreement to allow the City to construct, maintain and operate the trail in TxDOT right of way. Approval of this action will authorize negotiation and execution of the Multiple Use Agreement.

In September, 2009 City Council will be asked to approve a construction contract for the Northern Walnut Creek Trail.