



MEMORANDUM

Late Backup

TO: Mayor & Council

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DATE: January 31, 2013

SUBJECT: After Hours Trail Use Park Ranger Cost Breakdown

Attached to this memo is the After-Hours Trail Use Park Ranger Cost breakdown that was requested at the January 29th Council work session.

Austin Transportation staff has not been able to find any information regarding grant opportunities that could be used for staff and resources. There are grants related to infrastructure and some of the longer lead items like improved lighting might find funding through various grant opportunities, but this would take more research.

We looked at the Transportation User Fee (TUF) and have not used TUF funding for security costs on our roadway or other transportation facilities. These have been considered not eligible for transportation user fee based funding. We have no indication that Transportation funding can be used for security and enforcement.

Austin Police Department staff did contact staff from Denver Police Department (DPD) to attain public safety information in and around the Denver trail system. Unfortunately, DPD was not able to compile a statistical crime analysis for their trail system in the time before Council will consider the item. However, we will remain in communication with them and will be happy to address questions once more detailed information becomes available.

Should you have any questions, please call my office at 974-6717.

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