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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	22202	Agenda Number	39.
Meeting Date:	3/7/2013			Department:	Office of Real Estate Services
Subject					
Set a public hearing to consider the permanent use of approximately 23,794 square feet of land for construction, use, maintenance, repair, and replacement of shoring or soil retention system, building canopy, bridge and roadway for the New Central Library/2nd Street Bridge and Extension Project through dedicated parkland known as Shoal Creek Greenbelt, in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Sec. 26.001 et seq. (Suggested date and time, April 11, 2013, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).					
Amount and Source of Funding					
All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration, will be paid by requester.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

In 2006, the citizens of Austin authorized funds to design and construct a new central library; and on February 14, 2008, the City Council chose the Seaholm South Substation site directly adjacent to the Shoal Creek Greenbelt for its location. In order to construct this facility with its two-story underground parking garage, a shoring or soil retention system must be installed. Soil retention systems use structural members called tiebacks that extend approximately 30-40 feet into adjacent soil to support the excavation. In addition, the design of the library includes an entrance canopy that will extend into Shoal Creek Greenbelt in order to provide the correct shade and shelter greenbelt. The project will utilize 10,320 square feet of the Shoal Creek Greenbelt.

In addition to the new central library, the Public Works Department is planning the extension of Second Street from

Shoal Creek to the extension of West Avenue, including a new bridge over Shoal Creek. The new bridge and roadway will require dedication of right of way. This portion of the project will take 13,474 square feet of the Shoal Creek Greenbelt.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications." The Public Works Department is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are March 17, 24, and 31 of 2013.