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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	48110	Agenda Number	25.
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Meeting Date:	8/20/2015	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20140908-002) to increase appropriations in the amount of \$750,000 for the Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park improvements. Related to Item # 24.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$125,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Financial Services Department Capital Budget and \$625,000 is available in Certificates of Obligation to be issued no earlier than Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On May 25, 2015, during the Memorial Day flooding, the concrete pedestrian bridge linking Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Metropolitan Park and the Krieg Softball Complex sustained major structural damage and collapsed due to rushing flood waters in the Country Club Creek channel. The bridge has been closed to protect the public, and with no alternative point of creek crossing, a vital pedestrian and bicyclist connection along the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail linking East Austin and the downtown area has been severed.

PARD is coordinating with Public Works and Contract Management Departments to proceed with engineering of a replacement bridge and associated stream improvements. This budget amendment will provide for engineering and project management services for design of this unforeseen infrastructure failure.

This budget amendment is required due to the need to move forward with the engineering services as soon as possible. The combination of cash and debt funding is in support of the City's financial policy to prioritize the use of cash and voter-approved debt whenever possible for capital expenditures and utilize non-voter-approved debt in an urgent situation. The Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget includes an additional \$2 million for anticipated construction costs.