Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal cooperation contract with Travis County to design, construct, and manage a multi-use trail, a portion of which will cross the Onion Creek Wildlife Preserve.

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

In 2005, the Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Division began work on a regional recreation and trail plan along the Onion Creek corridor to provide recreation opportunities and access to nature for a rapidly growing population. The plan, adopted in 2009, begins at Confluence Park in Travis County and continues through county and city parks, greenbelts, right of ways and easements to end just east of I-35 south of Slaughter Lane. The trail system is planned to link users from Bastrop to Hays County, Round Rock and Williamson County to Austin through and along other planned regional trail connections including The Colorado River Trail (planned), Walnut Creek Regional Trail, the Gilliland Trail to the east (planned) and the Violet Crown Trail to the west (multiple phases in construction mid 2016).

With Council approval the Parks and Recreation Department will finalize the agreement and Travis County will move into design and permitting for final construction drawings and installation.