MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Sara Hensley, Interim Assistant City Manager

DATE: June 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Update Regarding Agreement with Austin Independent School District Regarding Bowie High School (Council Resolution 20170420-028)

Resolution 20170420-028 initiated a process to amend the City's Land Development Standards Agreement with Austin Independent School District (AISD) to facilitate the expansion and redevelopment of Bowie High School. At the time of the April 20, 2017 resolution, AISD believed it would need to transfer impervious cover from their Travis Country property to use as mitigation for excess impervious cover at Bowie High School.

Subsequent analysis of the project by AISD and City staff has determined that Bowie can be redeveloped in compliance with the City's current environmental regulations contained in the Barton Springs Zone Redevelopment Exception (City Code section 25-8-26), making the transfer of impervious cover unnecessary for the expansion of Bowie High School. Consequently, a less complicated agreement with AISD to allow use of 25-8-26 for the redevelopment of Bowie High School will be presented to Council for consideration on June 22nd. The agreement will include a requirement for beneficial use of stormwater, as requested by public stakeholders.

AISD remains interested in a broader amendment to the Land Development Standards Agreement (LDSA) to allow the transfer of impervious cover to facilitate future school redevelopment projects within the Barton Springs Zone. Staff from the Office of Real Estate Services, Law and Watershed Protection Departments are working with AISD to develop an amendment to the LSDA to be presented to Council at a later date. The amendment would allow transfers of impervious cover from Travis Country and other AISD parcels within the Barton Springs Zone which have been restricted to prevent development. The transfer would require adherence to appropriate conditions to address environmental protection. If you have any questions please contact Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, or Andy Linseisen, Assistant Director, Development Services Department, at your convenience.

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