

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and Council

FROM:

Kimberly A. McNeeley, CPRP, Acting Director

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

DATE:

December 28, 2018

SUBJECT:

Resolution 20181213-107

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) is implementing a pilot program associated with electric bikes and electric scooters on specific PARD maintained trails. This pilot program is conducted in partnership with the Public Works Department, the Austin Transportation Department, and the Law Department. The results of the pilot program will help craft recommendations related to potential Code changes associated with Title 8: Parks and Recreation.

On December 13, 2018, City Council approved resolution 20181213-107 that directed the City to exclude the Shoal Creek Trail north of 15th Street from the Trails Pilot Program.

As a result, adjustments have been made to the pilot program focus and will include:

- Johnson Creek
- Shoal Creek (south of 15th street only)
- Northern Walnut Creek Trail
- Southern Walnut Creek Trail
- Ann and Roy Butler Trail (electric bikes only)

The area of the Shoal Creek trail north of 15th Street will be excluded. Signage will be installed along all of the trailheads of the pilot project that identify each trail as part of the pilot. Signage will not be installed north of 15th street along the Shoal Creek Trail. All pilot project media will clarify that only Shoal Creek Trail south of 15th Street is included in the pilot. Data will not be collected on section of the Shoal Creek Trail north of 15th Street. Enforcement of electric bikes and scooters on non-pilot trails including Shoal Creek north of 15th street will be addressed in partnership with the Austin Police Department.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (512) 974-6722.

cc:

Spencer Cronk, City Manager

Sara Hensley, Interim Assistant City Manager