

AGENDA



Thursday, February 25, 2010

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 34

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Multiple Use Agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for a hike and bike path to be constructed and maintained in TxDOT Right of Way at the intersection of MoPac Expressway and Walnut Creek.

Amount and Source of Funding: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Prior Council Action: On August 6, 2009, Multiple Use Agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) approved. July 17, 2003 Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation Enhancement Project approved. July 11, 2002 TEA – 21 grant funds approved.

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) is funded to build the 3.2 mile Northern Walnut Creek Trail between Balcones District Park and Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park in north Austin.

The Northern Walnut Creek Trail will connect a major employer, St. David's Hospital and the Austin Community College, Northridge Campus, to numerous neighborhoods in the area. The trail will be a 10 foot wide concrete path that will serve pedestrian and bicycle uses. Because it is constructed of concrete, the trail will require minimal maintenance.

The trail must cross Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) MoPac/Loop1 right of way near Park Bend Drive. TxDOT requires a Multiple Use Agreement to allow the City to construct, maintain, and operate the trail in TxDOT right of way. This approved resolution will become an attachment to the Multiple Use Agreement prepared by TxDOT.

The construction project has an estimated completion of April 1, 2011.