

AGENDA



Thursday, August 5, 2010

**Watershed Protection Department
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 26**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a one-year Interlocal Agreement with Travis County to fund comprehensive planning services for the Colorado River corridor with one 12-month extension in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$60,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is required.

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The City will participate in obtaining comprehensive planning services to develop a Colorado River Corridor Plan. Travis County will serve as the local sponsor and owner of the \$170,000 contract. The City's share of the contract is \$60,000. The objectives of the plan are:

- Evaluate potential development patterns and transitions of land uses within the Colorado River corridor (bounded on the west by Ed Bluestein Blvd., on the south by Highway 71, on the north by 969, and on the east by Webberwood and Empedrado roads) over the next twenty-five years;
- Develop a general plan for the orderly and compatible development of the corridor in phases over the next five, fifteen and twenty-five years;
- Develop standards and protocols for the mining and reclamation of mining sites within the corridor, including the integration of reclaimed mining sites into a greater Austin open space and greenway system;
- Develop standards for the modification and restoration of floodplains;
- Evaluate and develop programs and incentives for the creation, preservation and maintenance of open spaces and wetlands within the corridor; and
- Assess the impact of sand and gravel mining on ground water supply, ground and surface water quality, air quality and noise.