

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 16, 2010

## Public Works

Item No. 33

## RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Subject:** Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment #1 to the Barton Springs Bicycle Lane Project Multiple Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to improve the existing bicycle crossing of Barton Springs Road under Mopac Expressway.

**For More Information:** Chad Crager, 974-3570; Susan Garnett, 974-7064

**Prior Council Action:** August 9, 2007: Authorized Multiple Use Agreement with TXDOT for use of right-of-way along Mopac Expressway adjacent to Zilker Park  
October 30, 2003: Approved Interlocal Agreement with TxDOT for the Barton Springs Road Bicycle Lanes project.  
October 30, 2003: Approved Budget Amendment appropriating \$738,304 in ISTE and TEA-21 federal grant funds to be administered through TxDOT.

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In 2007, the City of Austin entered into a Multiple Use Agreement (MUA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) related to the construction of the Barton Springs Road Bicycle Lane Project, a portion of which is within TXDOT's right-of-way. Following completion of that project, the City initiated a trail improvement project adjacent to the bicycle lanes which is also within TXDOT's right of way. The purpose of this amendment to the MUA is to include the new trail project within the original Barton Springs Road Bicycle Lanes MUA. This action will extend the City's existing maintenance responsibilities for the bicycle lanes to the new trail project.

The purpose of the trail improvement project is to improve safety and enhance the existing bicycle trailhead on Barton Springs Road under Mopac. Work is scheduled to start in January 2011, pending approval of this MUA amendment, and is funded with year 2000 bond funds. Maintenance of this trailhead improvement will cost approximately \$300 annually and will be included in the urban trail maintenance program of the Public Works Department.