



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2061, **Agenda Item #:** 39.

6/11/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with The Trail Foundation, to provide a safety and mobility study, in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Parks and Recreation Department; Public Works.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$95,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$70,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of Public Works.

Purchasing Language:

Professional Service.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide funding for the Butler Trail Safety and Mobility Study, which will focus on safety, new mobility, maintenance and connectivity of the trail. The Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail has served as a natural community sanctuary and pathway in the heart of Austin since the 1970s. The Trail Foundation was created in 2003 to protect, to enhance, and to connect the Butler Trail for all Austinites and visitors. Since its formation as a 501(C)(3), it has fulfilled its mission through careful improvements to the Trail's infrastructure and environment, while honoring the original vision of the Trail's founders.

Rapid growth in Austin has brought more people to the Trail, which has required increased maintenance, support, and resources from The Trail Foundation. In response, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department are proposing a partnership with The Trails Foundation to commission a safety and mobility study. The mobility study will focus on the impact of increased trail use on residents and visitors alike. It will also project how future growth may impact the trail, which will provide valuable information to both the City and The Trail Foundation, as they plan for future use. One of the key elements of the plan is to connect

with those who do not currently utilize the Trail and to gather input so that their needs can be served. The proposed partnership and project are grounded in the City's values of accessibility and inclusion, accountability, collaboration, consistency, respect and stewardship.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All; Mobility.