



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2878, **Agenda Item #:** 43.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multiple use agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the construction and maintenance of the Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase 2, from the existing Northern Walnut Creek Trail at Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park to IH-35.

Lead Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

September 25, 2014 - Council passed Ordinance No. 20140925-143 adopting the Urban Trails Plan as a component of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

March 28, 2019 - Council passed Resolution No. 20190328-040, which called for efforts to accelerate timetables for planned bicycle, scooter, transit, sidewalks, and tier one urban trail infrastructure projects approved in the 2016 and 2018 City of Austin bond propositions and those funded by other means.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Walnut Creek Trail system, once complete, will be 19 miles long and connect Govalle Neighborhood Park in East Austin to Balcones District Park in North Austin, along with many other parks, neighborhoods and landmarks along Walnut Creek. Additionally, this trail system will connect to the proposed Red Line Trail and Shoal Creek Trail creating a 30-mile trail loop around the city. Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase 2 begins at the existing Northern Walnut Creek Trail at Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park and ends at IH-35. The total proposed trail length for phase 2 is approximately 1.7 miles. This project is co-sponsored by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

Through the 2016 Mobility Bond, the Urban Trails Program was awarded \$26 million. From this allotment, funding was allocated to finalizing design and construction of Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase 2.

A portion of the Phase 2 project passes through TxDOT right-of-way near N. Lamar to provide a critical connection to transit and an enhanced crossing for bikes and pedestrians separated from vehicular traffic at N. Lamar. This trail alignment requires a multiple use agreement (MUA) between the City of Austin and TxDOT to establish roles and responsibilities for construction and maintenance of the new trail within TxDOT right-of-way

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.