

RESOLUTION NO. 20210422-056

WHEREAS, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) adopted by Council in April of 2019 sets the goal of achieving a 50/50 transportation mode share by 2039, including through investments in urban trails and embraces the following policy guidance:

- Provide high-quality urban trails that can serve all users: Acknowledge urban trails as assets that should be constructed, operated, and maintained in a manner equivalent to other parts of the transportation network.
- Provide high-quality urban trails designed for people of all ages and abilities: Implement a system of urban trails designed for people of all ages and abilities.
- Pursue opportunities to connect to and expand the urban trail system: Expand the urban trail system to connect more people to nature and provide recreation and mobility opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Direction 2023 Plan adopted by Council in March of 2018, includes the following Mobility and Health & Environment Strategies:

- Improve Austin's street network grid and fill gaps in our sidewalk, bicycle, and urban trail systems based on highest need and greatest impact.
- Leverage innovative financing models and partnerships to support, maintain, and expand parks, open spaces, recreational facilities, and our urban trail network; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Trails Master Plan adopted by Council in September of 2014 identifies The Mokan Corridor Trail segment running from East 5th St to Springdale Rd as a Tier II Urban Trail; and

WHEREAS, this trail segment will provide vital connections to major corridors of the Urban Trails Network including the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, Eastlink Trail, Crosstown Greenway, 183A trail, 183 bike and pedestrian river crossing, Pleasant Valley/Longhorn Dam river crossing, and the Historic Tejano Trail as well as to Downtown Austin, the Red Bluff Preserve, current and future transit stations, and other civic assets; and

WHEREAS, this critical link would serve historically underserved neighborhoods in East Austin and would provide residents in the area, including residents of low-income and public housing, more options for transportation to transit, schools, employment centers, commercial centers, and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, increasing active transportation options to Austinites can reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and have positive impacts on public health and our local economy; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

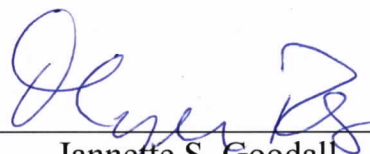
The City of Austin formalizes its support for U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett's Community Project Funding request of up to \$3 million to the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations to provide connectivity improvements to the approximately one-mile Mokan Corridor Trail segment from Springdale Road to East 5th Street and commits to fund a 20% local grant match for this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed and authorized to identify, including exploring use of general obligation bonds, 20% local matching funds and a contingency plan for any project cost overruns or funding shortfalls if the Community Project Funding award provided is less than \$3 million.

ADOPTED: April 22, 2021

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk