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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	21557	Agenda Number	25.
Meeting Date:	2/14/2013		Department:	Planning and Development Review
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Waller Creek Conservancy for the City to contribute an amount not to exceed \$270,000 toward the Waller Creek Conservancy's hiring of Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates/Thomas Phifer & Partners for design services related to coordination of the Waller Creek Tunnel Program with the Waller Creek Design and to evaluate and initiate limited construction revisions to accommodate the MVVA site design. Related to Item # 6.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$270,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is attached.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	<p>December 6, 2012: Council approved Resolution 20121206-038 authorizing negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Waller Creek Conservancy for the City to contribute an amount not to exceed \$75,000 toward the Waller Creek Conservancy's hiring of a Project Coordinator and to acknowledge the Conservancy's and City's agreement to retain the selected design team.</p> <p>October 18, 2012: Council approved Resolution 20121018-068 affirming the selection of the design team chosen by the Waller Creek Design Competition Jury relating to the revitalization of the Waller Creek District.</p>			
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Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

With the selection of Michael Van Valkenburg and Associates (MVVA) as the winner of the Waller Creek Conservancy Design Competition, the City has an opportunity to coordinate with MVVA to evaluate possibilities for modifying Waller Creek Tunnel Inlet and associated Waterloo Park restoration and to initiate limited construction revisions to accommodate certain elements of the MVVA design.

The goal of this evaluation is to save time and money by ensuring that current construction facilitates, or minimizes conflicts with, future park improvements envisioned by MVVA in its design concept. If the current tunnel design plans can be modified to accommodate the MVVA design concept, the result may be reduced costs for the tunnel project and more timely implementation of the MVVA design concept. In the event the changes are not incorporated into the current tunnel construction schedule, they would have to be made at a future date after completion of the tunnel project, potentially incurring additional cost and construction in the park.

The Waller Creek Conservancy will utilize the proposed funding to enter into an agreement with the MVVA team to assess potential design changes to the tunnel infrastructure, and work with City staff and the tunnel consultants to evaluate the feasibility, timing, and cost impacts of incorporating the MVVA design concept into tunnel project construction.