



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1658, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

5/6/2021

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of a multiple use agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the development and construction of the Red Line Trail, from the existing Northern Walnut Creek Trail at Mopac to Braker Lane.

Lead Department

Public Works

Fiscal Note

Funding is available from the 2016 Mobility Bond (Local Mobility, Urban Trails) and the 2020 Bond (Urban Trails).

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 Red Line Trail system, once complete, will be 32 miles long, through central Austin from Lady Bird Lake to Leander along the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Red Line railway. This portion of the Red Line Trail project starts at Braker Lane and the new Q2 Stadium running north to the existing Northern Walnut Creek Trail near Mopac. The project will include a shared use path extension of the Burnet Road Corridor Project from Gracy Farms Road to the Red Line Trail for additional all ages and abilities connectivity. The total length of the project is approximately 1.7 miles.

Through the 2016 Mobility Bond, the Urban Trails Program was awarded \$26 million. From this allotment, funding was allocated to finalize Red Line Trail design. Urban Trails was then awarded \$80 million in funding through the 2020 Bond. From this, Red Line Trail Northern Walnut Creek Trail to Braker is funded through construction.

A portion of the Red Line Trail project passes through TxDOT right-of-way along the northbound Mopac frontage road. 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.