

RESOLUTION NO. 20200220-045

WHEREAS, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan hopes to accomplish 50% Mode-shift goals by 2039; and

WHEREAS, the City's Community Climate Plan set a target of net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability projects that transportation will contribute more than half of the community's carbon emissions by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the January 2020 City Audit on the City's Efforts to Reduce Carbon Emissions states that residents need to significantly decrease driving alone in gasoline-powered cars for the City to meet its goal to be carbon neutral community-wide by 2050; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Resolution 20190328-040 to accelerate timetables for planned bicycle, scooter, transit, and tier one urban trail infrastructure projects approved in the 2016 and 2018 City bond propositions; and

WHEREAS, the City's Urban Trails Program promotes multi-use shared use pathways for recreation and active transportation; and

WHEREAS, creation of an improved project delivery process that streamlines the design and approval process could help avoid additional expenditures for urban trails on public land, rights-of-way, or public easements potentially saving hundreds of thousands of dollars; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council directs the City Manager to create an urban trails stakeholder group to examine the administrative processes and requirements associated with the design and permitting of urban trails on public land, public easements, or rights-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council directs the City Manager to include in the urban trails stakeholder group the relevant city departmental staff, representatives from relevant boards and commissions, and leaders of community organizations that are directly involved in building urban trails. The City Council encourages the City Manager to include representatives from Austin Energy, Austin Water, Austin Transportation Department, Development Services Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works Department, Watershed Protection Department, Shoal Creek Conservancy, Hill Country Conservancy, The Trail Foundation, Waterloo Greenway Conservancy, Environmental Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, and Urban Transportation Commission in the stakeholder group.

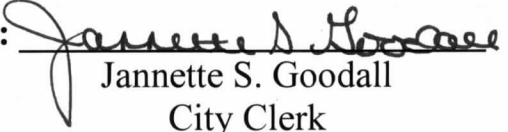
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The stakeholder group shall make recommendations on code changes or administrative process changes with the goal of making the design and permitting of

urban trails on public land, public easements, or rights-of-way less costly and more efficient, while maintaining appropriate environmental protections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to return to Council no later than August 21, 2020, with recommendations from the stakeholder group.

ADOPTED: February 20, 2020 **ATTEST:** 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk