

CAPITAL BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

Austin Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an advanced funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the design and construction of transportation and mobility improvements along the proposed Moka Trail from North Pleasant Valley Road to Springdale Road; accepting grant funds; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) and the Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to transfer in and appropriate \$1,000,000 for design and construction of this project.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Department:	Austin Public Works Department
Project Name:	Moka Corridor Trail
Funding Source(s):	Texas Department of Transportation
Prior Appropriations:	\$0
This Action:	\$1,000,000
Amended Project Appropriation:	\$1,000,000

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The MoKan Trail follows a short section of the former Missouri-Kansas-Texas (MoKan) Railroad in East Austin. The 1.5-mile trail begins at Shady Lane (where it connects to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail) and will eventually extend to the protected bike path on Pedernales Street. A 0.75-mile portion of the Moka Trail, from Springdale Road to North Pleasant Valley Road, will be constructed by the Urban Trails Program, with the remaining segments to the east and west under design or construction by private development. The Congressional Grants Division in HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development is responsible for the administration of Community Projects. Funding was identified in the annual appropriations legislation for FY2022.

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available from Texas Department of Transportation. A funding match is not required.

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the design and construction of transportation and mobility improvements along the proposed Mogan Trail from N Pleasant Valley Road to Springdale Road; amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Public Works Department Special Revenue Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to accept funds from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,000,000; and amending the Austin Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to transfer in and appropriate \$1,000,000 for design and construction of this project.

Lead Department

Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

Fiscal notes are attached.

Prior Council Action:

September 30, 2021 – Council passed Resolution No. 20210930-160 designating the segment of the Mogan Corridor Trail, on the south side of the Mogan Railroad tracks, from the intersection of East 5th St. and Chicon St. to Airport Blvd. as a Tier I urban trail project as defined by the City of Austin Urban Trails Plan.

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

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

None.

Additional Backup Information:

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Community Project Funding for the MoKan Trail, secured through sponsorship from Congressman Lloyd Doggett, will be administered by TxDOT.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.