



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3628, **Agenda Item #:** 50.

12/8/2022

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 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.

Lead Department

Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

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

Prior Council Action:

September 30, 2021 - Council approved 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 on an 11-0 vote.

September 25, 2014 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20140925-143 adopting the Urban Trails Plan as a component of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan on a 7-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available from the the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This funding was identified in the annual appropriations legislation for FY2022. Community Project Funding for the MoKan Trail, secured through sponsorship from Congressman Lloyd Doggett, will be administered by TxDOT. Public works will use the funds once received from TxDOT for the design and construction of transportation and mobility improvements along the proposed Mogan Trail from North Pleasant Valley Road to Springdale Road.

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 Mogan 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.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, Public Works' need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.