

## M E M O R A N D U M

## TO: Mayor and Council

THROUGH: Robert Goode, Interim Assistant City Manager

FROM: Richard Mendoza, Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works Department AchaelMaufr

**DATE:** June 8, 2023

## **SUBJECT:** Update to feasibility of providing trail connections north of the Colorado River from Pleasant Valley Road to the Colorado River Trailhead

On December 8, 2022, City Council passed <u>Resolution No. 20221208-061</u>, directing staff to conduct a high-level review assessing the feasibility of providing trail connections north of the Colorado River from Pleasant Valley Road to the Colorado River Trailhead and to provide recommendations, including alternatives that will increase connectivity and address active transportation issues.

City staff has conducted a high-level review of the feasibility of providing this trail connection. We have identified challenges for this connection due to steep slopes that run along the river as well as private property that abut the embankment.

Staff is exploring the potential of an alternate alignment along Cesar Chavez Street that achieves the desired active transportation connectivity. We will respond by November 17, 2023 with further feasibility and funding options for this alternative.

Please feel free to contact Richard Mendoza at richardv.mendoza@austintexas.gov if you have any questions or require more information on this matter.

cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager