

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN
AND
TRAVIS COUNTY
SPICEWOOD SPRINGS ROAD WATER CROSSING #1**

Program Overview

Please open the hyperlink below for a project overview – Travis County’s Low Water Crossing Project Page: <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/tnr/public-works/all#1239>

The City of Austin acquired two properties, 5903 and 6309/6315 Spicewood Springs Road, in 2021 and 2023, to create a 21-acre park along Upper Bull Creek.

This Interlocal Agreement with Travis County would facilitate the Upper Bull Creek Greenbelt trail by converting the existing Spicewood Springs Road low water crossing over Bull Creek into a bike and pedestrian facility.

What is the Purpose of the Agreement?

This is an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County to preserve the existing low water crossing located between the addresses 5903 and 6309 Spicewood Springs Road. The current low water crossing is owned by Travis County, and is slated to be replaced with a new bridge. The agreement would allow the current low water crossing to remain in place for trail use as part of the upper Bull Creek Greenbelt.

Who Does the Program Serve?

Public trail users and recreational parks users

What is the Term of the Agreement?

The agreement is perpetual with no limit. The agreement may be modified with written consent from the City of Austin and Travis County.

What Services and Deliverables will Travis County Provide?

Travis County shall design, fund, and construct a new bridge over Bull Creek (“the Project”) that incorporates leaving the existing low water crossing in place as a non-vehicular crossing as part of the Bull Creek Greenbelt.

Travis County shall provide an As-Built survey to the City of Austin appropriate to be used by the City of Austin in order for the bridge to be incorporated within the City of Austin’s floodplain model or in a Letter of Map Revision application.

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What Services and Deliverables will the City Provide?

The existing low water crossing and connecting trail shall become the maintenance responsibility of the City of Austin upon completion of the Project, and the existing low water crossing will be closed to vehicular traffic (with the exception of necessary City vehicles).

The City of Austin shall complete an engineering study to update the floodplain maps for Bull Creek that will incorporate the new bridge into the updated floodplain model, and such study would relieve Travis County of processing a Letter of Map Revision with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Should the Project's construction remain incomplete after the City of Austin's floodplain mapping project, the City will fund, produce, and submit a Letter of Map Revision to FEMA that incorporates the new bridge.

What are the Next Steps?

- Action from the Parks and Recreation Board – September 25, 2023
- Request for City Council Action – Tentatively Scheduled October 5 or October 19, 2023
- Travis County Commissioners Court Approval -TBD

What Action is Being Requested?

- Recommend to the Parks and Recreation Board to recommend that the City Council authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County regarding the coordination of the Spicewood Springs Road Low Water Crossing #1.