



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3666, **Agenda Item #:** 50.

1/18/2024

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend City Code Title 25 related to environmental protections at the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail. (Suggested date: February 29, 2024, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas).

Lead Department

Watershed Protection Department.

Prior Council Action:

May 18, 2023 - Council adopted Resolution No. 20230518-044 initiating amendments to City Code Title 25 to allow the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail to remain within the setbacks applicable to Lady Bird Lake and to allow capital improvements related to environmental protection be made to the trail.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

December 6, 2023 - Recommended for approval by the Environmental Commission, 7-0.

December 13, 2023 - Recommended for approval by the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee, 5-0.

January 22, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board.

January 23, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Staff Recommendation:

Recommended for approval.

Additional Backup Information:

In 2017, City Code Section 25-8-261 (*Critical Water Quality Zone Development*) was amended to restrict development within the 50-foot setback of Lady Bird Lake, including the construction of trails like the existing Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail (Butler Trail). Approximately 85% of the Butler Trail is located within the 50-foot setback, and the restriction makes it more difficult to enhance, reconstruct, and build the Butler Trail in its current alignment.

Staff requests an amendment to Section 25-8-261 to accommodate the current Butler Trail alignment and width while continuing to provide protection to the shoreline through mitigation and improvements to the

health of the floodplain.