

Resolution Supporting Funding for
Trail Connectivity Plan
Hike & Bike Trail Segment 3

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Summary

- Question
 - City Council is being asked to consider approval of Resolutions supporting grant applications for a Trail Connectivity Plan and the Hike & Bike Trail Segment 3
- Options
 - Recommended: Approve
 - Denial
 - Other
- Declaration
 - Both grants will assist in providing eventual and complete non-motorized connectivity city-wide

Purpose

- Approval of a Resolution to support an application for funding a Trail Connectivity Plan and the Hike & Bike Trail Segment 3, through the Texas Department of Transportation

Existing Trails Overview

- Current Assets:
 - Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park Trail
 - Linkwood-Pavona Trail
 - Stirrup Lane Trail
 - Hetherington Trail
 - New residential developments contributing trails and parks:
 - Senna
 - Trilogy
 - Seneca Trails
- Need:
 - A city-wide connectivity plan to link all trails, walking paths, and sidewalks

Hike & Bike Trail Segment 3

- Current Assets:
 - Huebner Creek Greenway Trail Segment 1 -Shadow Mist to Bandera Rd parallel to El Verde Road
- In progress:
 - Huebner Creek Greenway Trail Segment 2 – Bandera Road to Evers Rd
 - In engineering stage (100% plans almost ready)
 - Expect to advertise bids for construction in Oct/Nov 2025
- Need:
 - Huebner Creek Greenway Trail Segment 3 – Evers Rd to Balky Dr in & along Huebner Creek
- Trail will connect at both ends to the COSA Howard Peak Greenway Trail system



Funding Opportunity

- Program: TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program
- Call for Projects: January 2025
 - Eligibility: Communities of any size
 - Purpose: Develop non-motorized transportation networks

Application Process

- Step 1: Preliminary Applications
 - 311 eligible applications from 247 entities
 - Total funding requests exceeded \$1.1 billion
- Review: TxDOT assessed applications for eligibility
 - Conducted sponsor meetings for eligible projects
 - Identified up to \$250 million in federal funds
- Outcome: Leon Valley Hike & Bike Trail Segment 3 and Connectivity Plan moved to Step 2

Step 2 Requirements

- Detailed Application Includes:
 - Resolution from the city
 - Supporting documentation
- Resolution Content:
 - City support for the project described in the 2025 TA Detailed Application
 - Commitment to:
 - Development
 - Financing
 - Management
 - Adoption and implementation of the Connectivity Plan
 - Agreement with TxDOT if projects are funded

Fiscal Impact

- Grant Amount: Connectivity Plan \$100,000
- Local Match:
 - Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) cover the required match
 - No cost to the city
- Grant Amount: Trail Segment 3 \$1,261,003 (80%)
 - Engineering (city) \$ 289,151
 - Construction cost (city) \$ 315,250 (20%)
 - Total cost estimate \$1,865,404
 - Total cost to city \$ 604,401
- Responsibility:
 - Non-reimbursable costs
 - 100% of any overruns (none anticipated)

Next Steps

- Approval: Resolution adoption
- Submission: Complete detailed applications
- Implementation: Develop and finalize the Leon Valley Hike & Bike Connectivity Plan & Trail Segment 3 plans upon funding approval

Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of the Resolution
- The Plan would provide:
 - Comprehensive Trail Network: Connect existing and future trails, sidewalks
 - Enhanced Mobility: Non-motorized transportation options
 - Community Impact: Promotes outdoor activity and accessibility