



Hike & Bike Trail Segment 3 MPO Grant Reimbursement Program

City Council Meeting

January 21, 2025

Summary

- Should City Council give Staff direction to apply for a reimbursement grant to construct a Hike and Bike Trail extension (Seg 3), from Evers Road to Balky Drive & to pledge a 20% construction funding match
- Options
 - Approve
 - Deny
 - Other
- COSA is building a trail that will connect at Balky & they are hopeful that the overall trail will be continuous from Grissom to the Medical Center

Purpose

- The MPO has put out a call for projects in its FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - The category is Surface Transportation Block Grant and projects must be located in areas open to the public
- A hike and bike trail project is allowed under the program guidelines, as it encourages people to either walk or use a bicycle instead of a vehicle, which helps to reduce vehicle emission air pollution

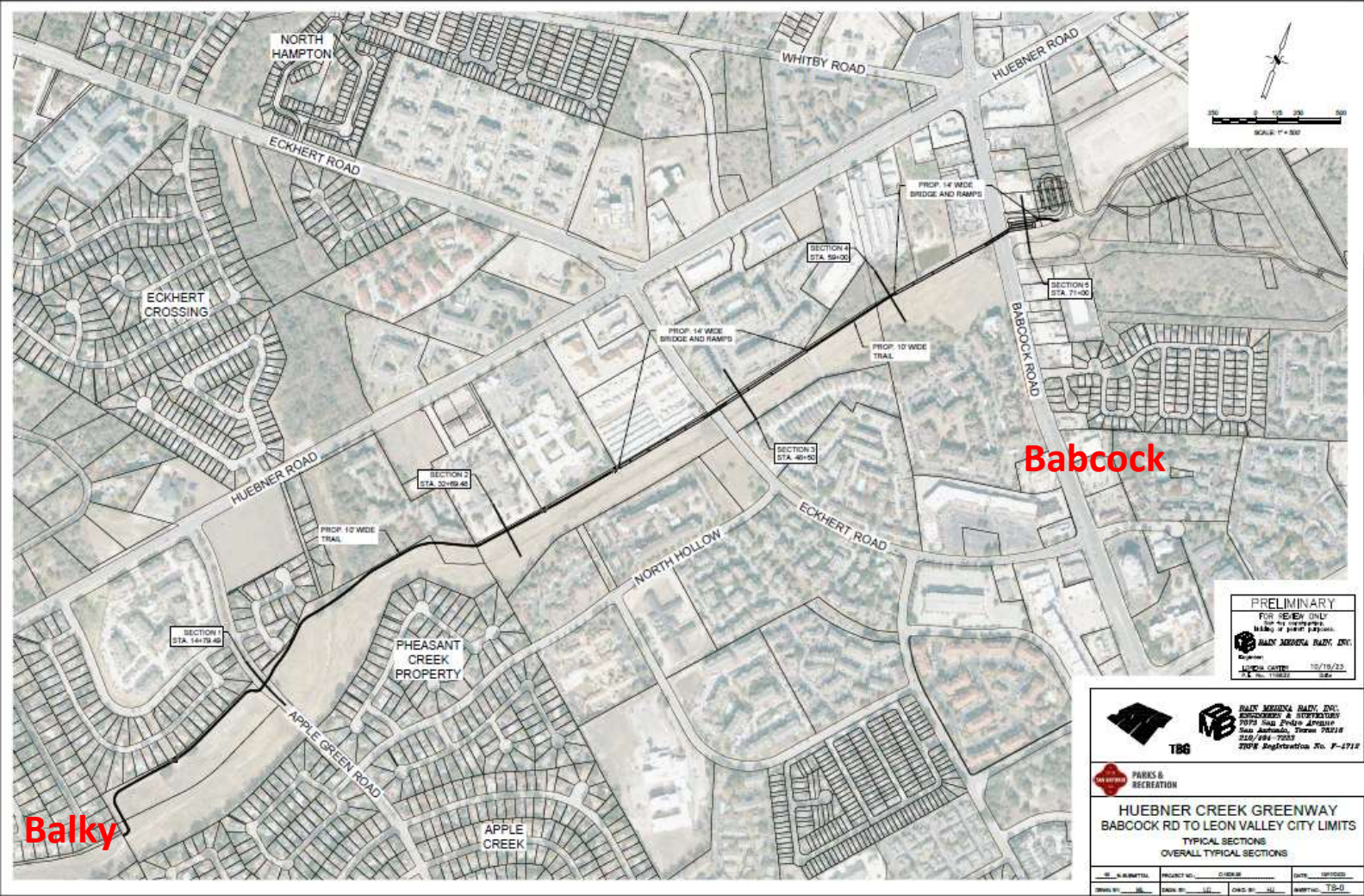
Background

- Segment 1 of the Leon Valley Hike & Bike Trail connects to COSA's Crystal Hills Trailhead at Shadow Mist Drive
- City already approved for funding of Segment 2, which will connect to Segment 1 under the Bandera Road bridge, go through the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park, to Evers Road
- Engineering & design are well underway for Segment 2, with bid advertisement expected in October of 2025

Options

- The last remaining area to connect the Leon Valley Hike & Bike Trail to the City of San Antonio's trail system is on the northeast side of the city, from Evers Road to Bally Drive at the city limits
- The City of San Antonio is in the process of engineering & designing their portion of trail from Bally to Babcock Road & they are looking forward to this proposed connection
- The COSA Babcock Rd trail will lead to the Medical Center

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Fiscal Impact

- Reimbursement programs are 80%/20% matching construction funds, with FHA/State paying 80% & City paying 20%
- More points are given for a higher than 20% match of funds – but we are proposing the 20% commitment
- An Opinion of Probable Cost was developed
 - Rough estimate of \$1,311,253 for construction
- City would be responsible for 20% of construction costs & all costs for engineering
 - \$262,251 construction +/-
 - \$157,351 engineering & design
 - **\$419,602 total city cost**

Purpose

- March 1, 2025 – project submittal due – preliminary phase
- Minimum cost for each project is \$1,000,000

Recommendation

- At City Council discretion