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DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Homer Garcia III

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System

SUMMARY:

The Parks and Recreation Department will provide an overview of the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System which is a growing network of interconnected hike and bike trails that includes acquisition and preservation of open space along San Antonio waterways, natural landscapes, and more.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System provide for outdoor recreation, while also serving as an alternative mode of transportation option for San Antonio residents and visitors to travel to parks, schools, libraries, commercial businesses, and neighborhoods without a vehicle. The greenway trails projects consider baseline and increased trail widths based upon current use, site

characteristics, and future anticipated demand in key corridors. The concrete trails are inclusive of low impact development amenities for park users, such as environmentally sustainable trailheads, wayfinding signage, drinking fountains, and landscaping.

There are currently 157 miles of trail either completed or in various phases of development. Approximately 101 miles of greenway trail have been built to date and another 31 miles are in design and planned for construction. These efforts are reflective of increased usage of the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System as it is anticipated Bexar County will grow by 1.1 million people by 2040. It is supported by local previously collected sales tax and the voter-approved 2022-27 City of San Antonio Bond Program in addition to a commitment by Bexar County to fund and construct nearly 25 miles under a tri-party agreement with the San Antonio River Authority and City.

ISSUE:

The Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System is aligned with the Council adopted SA Tomorrow Comprehensive and SA Parks System Plans by being responsive to San Antonio's growth and evolving needs in part driven by multimodal transportation and sustainability initiatives such as the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan supporting a resilient community. This also supports the 10-minute walk to a park initiative and goals of Vision Zero by providing safe trails separated from vehicular traffic.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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