



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Homer Garcia III

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 6

SUBJECT:

Tri-Party Cooperative Agreement Task Order: Culebra - Helotes Connector Trail Project

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the execution of a task order under the existing Tri-Party Cooperative Agreement between the City of San Antonio (City), Bexar County (County), and the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) in an amount not to exceed \$8,222,588.00 to be paid to SARA for project management, design, and construction services related to the Culebra–Helotes Connector Trail Project located in Council District 6. Funding for this project is available from the 2022-2027 General Obligation Bond and included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Ordinance 2022-02-10-0094 approved a Tri-Party Cooperative Agreement between the City, County, and the SARA which allows for SARA to serve as the administrator and project manager for the County’s Rivers, Creeks, Trails, and Parks Capital Improvement Program. Additionally, the Tri-Party Cooperative Agreement allows for the City to assign SARA to manage 2022 City bond-funded linear trail connection projects under the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System.

The Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System is a growing network of approximately 92 miles of

developed multi-use and accessible trails built through the natural landscapes along the San Antonio waterways. The program includes the acquisition and preservation of open space along San Antonio creekways, along with development of multi-use hike and bike trails, trailheads, signage and associated amenities.

Under the proposed Task Order, SARA will serve as the administrator and project manager for the Culebra–Helotes Connector Trail Project, performing vendor procurement and coordinating with the engineers, inspectors, contractors, and permitting agencies on behalf of the City. This connector will provide continuous and safe trail user access connecting two existing networks – the Helotes Creek Greenway and the Culebra Creek Greenway. This trail linkage will create convenient and safe hike and bike connectivity for San Antonio residents and visitors to access destinations such as City parks, neighborhoods, and other destinations.

SARA has a long established and successful history of collaboration with both the City and County for management of various projects along the San Antonio River and its tributaries. Once construction is completed, all City and County-funded Greenway trail projects managed by SARA will be maintained and managed by the City’s Parks and Recreation Department.

This agreement will be executed in compliance with the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program, which requires contracts be reviewed by a Goal Setting Committee to establish a requirement and/or incentive unique to the particular contract in an effort to maximize the amount of small, minority, and women-owned business participation on the contract. The Goal Setting Committee set a 22% Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) subcontracting goal and a 3% African American Business Enterprise (AABE) subcontracting goal. SARA has committed to 22% Minority, Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) , and 3% African American Business Enterprise (AABE) subcontractor participation.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a task order under the existing Tri-Party Cooperative Agreement between the City, County, and SARA in an amount not to exceed \$8,222,588.00 to be paid to SARA for project management, design, and construction services related to the Culebra–Helotes Connector Trail Project located in Council District 6. This action is consistent with the existing tri-party cooperative agreement between the parties and the adopted SA Parks System Plan by leveraging community partnerships to expand recreational opportunities in the community.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect not to approve the task order and require the City to identify a different method for project delivery. This could extend the timeline for implementation of the five-year Bond Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to execute the task order under the existing Tri-Party Cooperative Agreement between the City, County, and SARA in an amount not to exceed \$8,222,588.00 to be paid to SARA for project management, design, and construction services related to the Culebra–Helotes Connector Trail Project located in Council District 6.