



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** January 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2026-002, authorizing submission of the application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Recreational Trails Grant for the John Barfield Trail Spring Oak Extension.

PRESENTER: Adrien Pekurney, Director of Parks and Recreation

SUMMARY:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. If awarded, the Parks and Recreation Department will use the funds to help support the construction of PK2607- John Barfield Trail Spring Oak Extension adopted capital project.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking authorization to apply for and, if awarded, utilize grant funds offered through the National Recreational Trails Fund administered by TPWD. The reimbursable grants can cover up to 80% of project cost with a maximum of \$300,000 for non-motorized trail grants. Funds can be spent on recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, improving existing trails, developing trailheads or trailside facilities, and acquiring trail corridors.

The current adopted FY2026 Park Fund Capital Infrastructure Project for the John Barfield Trail Spring Oak Extension provides for the design and construction of a 10' wide multi-use trail in the Oncor easement just east of Spring Oak Drive. This extension will relocate the current on-street section of the John Barfield Trail to the adjacent Oncor easement, resulting in a safer connection by keeping users in a dedicated pedestrian trail. When the John Barfield Trail was constructed in 2013, a small portion of property not owned by the city prohibited this section of the trail from being constructed. The land was acquired by the city in 2023, making this important off-street trail connection possible. There is a 20% match requirement which is currently funded within the adopted FY2026 Park Fund Capital Infrastructure Projects. The total grant application, if awarded, is \$300,000.



RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-002, authorizing submission of the application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant for the John Barfield Trail Spring Oak Extension.