

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**AGENDA DATE:** September 12, 2023  
**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** N/A  
**CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Yvette Hernandez, (915) 212- 0065  
**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** 1  
**STRATEGIC GOAL:** No.7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network  
**SUBGOAL:** N/A

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and Action on Trails and Trailheads, to include deprogramming two proposed trails "Ellis Lateral Connection Trail" and "Carolina to Emerson Trail"; transferring funds from deprogrammed trails to "Rio Grande Trail North"; and to place on hold the feasibility study of "Avispa Canyon" until council recommends an alignment. Will bring forward recommendation from Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB).

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

City staff will provide updates on the Trails and Trailheads program developed through the Quality of Life Bond. City staff recommends funding intended for construction of the "Carolina to Emerson Trail" and the "Ellis Lateral Connection Trail" in the amount of \$537,141.68 to be reprogrammed for use on the "Rio Grande Trail North" and to place the feasibility study of "Avispa Canyon" on hold.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

March 7, 2017 Council approved amended trail and trailhead list to include Mountain to River trail and associated trailhead  
January 31, 2023 Council approved a crossing surface installation agreement with BNSF Railway for the Mountain to River trail  
August 22, 2023 OSAB meeting was held to discuss deprogramming of trails and feasibility study on Avispa Canyon.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Quality of Life bond - \$537,141.68

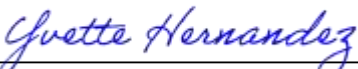
**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?  YES  NO**

**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:** Capital Improvement Department  
**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation Department

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 Quality of Life Bond program included \$6 million dollars for paved trails in Northeast, East, and West El Paso; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Carolina to Emerson Trail” and the “Ellis Lateral Connection Trail” had been identified as proposed trails to be constructed; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff recommends the proposed “Carolina to Emerson Trail” and the proposed “Ellis Lateral Connection Trail” be deprogrammed from the 2012 Quality of Life paved trail program; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff recommends funding, in the amount of \$537,141.68, as identified on Exhibit “A,” intended for construction of the “Carolina to Emerson Trail” and the “Ellis Lateral Connection Trail” be reprogrammed for use on the "Rio Grande Trail North", attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff recommends that the engineering feasibility study to examine Avispa Canyon for inclusion in Mountain to River Trail be placed on hold.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to deprogram the proposed “Carolina to Emerson Trail” and the proposed “Ellis Lateral Connection Trail”; and that the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to make necessary budget transfers and execute any and all necessary documents to reprogram the funding from the deprogrammed trails, in the amount of \$537,141.68, for use on the Rio Grande Trail North.

That City staff is hereby directed to put on hold the implementation of an engineering feasibility study to examine Avispa Canyon for inclusion in Mountain to River Trail.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

**CITY OF EL PASO:**

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Oscar Leeser, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Roberta Brito  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

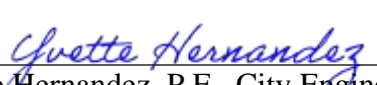
  
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Yvette Hernandez, P.E., City Engineer  
Capital Improvement Department

EXHIBIT "A"

Project	Budget	Recommended Action
Ellis Lateral	<b>\$232,724.24</b>	Transfer budget to Rio Grande Trail North
Carolina to Emerson	<b>\$304,417.44</b>	
Total Recommended Transfer		<b>\$537,141.68</b>