

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: 4.23.24

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Representative Cassandra Hernandez ~ 915.212.0003

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL

Goal 4 - Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action to approve a resolution that declares the fourth Saturday of April as "Celebrate Trails Day" and urges all residents to participate in this observance by exploring and supporting our local trails.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for and creating a nationwide network of trails, has established a yearly Celebrate Trails Day held on the fourth Saturday of April as a day of national recognition for the value of trails in our communities.

The Paso del Norte Trail offers a blend of connectivity, historical significance, and environmental conservation, which enhance the quality of life for our residents and visitors alike.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes, there have been many items on the agenda promoting El Paso's quality of life and recreation offerings.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for and creating a nationwide network of trails, has established a yearly Celebrate Trails Day held on the fourth Saturday of April as a day of national recognition for the value of trails in our communities; and

WHEREAS, this observance aligns with City of El Paso's strategic goal of enhancing El Paso's quality of life through recreational, cultural, and educational environments; and

WHEREAS, trails provide safe, equitable, and accessible recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities, contributing to the physical and mental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Paso del Norte Trail offers a blend of connectivity, historical significance, and environmental conservation, which enhance the quality of life for our residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Celebrate Trails Day encourages individuals and families to explore and enjoy the network of trails available in our community, fostering a greater appreciation for these valuable facilities, environmental stewardship, and sustainable transportation; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between local governments, non-profit organizations, businesses, and community members is essential in the maintenance, expansion, and promotion of our trails system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Recognizes the importance of trails in promoting health, fitness, and conservation efforts, as well as in fostering community ties and economic development within our city and declares the fourth Saturday of April as "Celebrate Trails Day" and urges all residents to participate in this observance by exploring and supporting our local trails.

(Signatures begin on following page)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of April, 2024.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Josette Flores
Deputy City Attorney