



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager 

FROM: Jorge L. Morales, P.E., CFM, Director
Watershed Protection Department 

DATE: February 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Butler Trail Amendment Response to Resolution #[20230518-044](#)

We are requesting a postponement of the above referenced item from February 29, 2024 to the March 7, 2024 City Council Agenda. This item is a draft ordinance amending Land Development Code 25-8-261, Critical Water Quality Zone Development, in order to allow the Butler Trail to remain within the applicable setbacks from Lady Bird Lake, as set forth in the resolution. City staff recognize the need to accommodate necessary improvements and updates to the Butler Trail for the benefit of the community. Staff also recognizes the importance of providing improvements related to safety and mobility while demonstrating enhancements to water quality protection and the restoration of environmental function. The resolution from City Council directed staff to return with the ordinance on October 1, 2023. Staff previously requested additional time to allow for necessary coordination between stakeholders by March 1st, 2024. This current postponement request is due to:

- Additional time was needed to update code language, based on feedback from stakeholders to ensure greater design flexibility of future improvements of the Butler Trail.
- Allow for adequate time between the proposed Parks Board (Feb. 26, 2024) and Planning Commission (Feb 27, 2024) meetings prior to City Council action.

cc: Jesús Garza, City Manager
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