City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1089, **Agenda Item #:** A40. 2/3/2026

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Austin Parks and Recreation Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20250813-005) to increase appropriations by $17,597,353 for the acquisition, planning, and development of parkland. Funding: $17,597,353 is available in the Austin Parks and Recreation Capital Budget.

Lead Department

Austin Parks and Recreation.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of $17,597,353 is available in the Austin Parks and Recreation Capital Budget. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

This budget amendment will support the acquisition, planning, and development of parkland to meet various goals identified in Austin Parks and Recreation's Long Range Plan and will advance Citywide Strategic Plan Goal CH.2: to ensure and preserve equitable access to parks, trails, open space, and recreational opportunities. Austin Parks and Recreation prioritizes parkland acquisition and development in park-deficient areas to increase the percentage of residents within walking distance of a park. Securing parkland along the Colorado River corridor is also a top priority, as it helps ensure that critical park connections are not lost to development pressure.

These Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 26 mitigation funds were received from TxDOT in late fiscal year 2024-2025 and early fiscal year 2025-2026 for the taking of parkland associated with the IH-35 Capital Express Central Project, which impacted Waller Beach at Town Lake Metro Park, Edward Rendon Sr. Metro Park, and Riverside Shores at Town Lake Metro Park. To the extent practicable, these funds will be spent within two miles of the impacted parkland. These funds will also supplement dwindling 2018 Bond funding and Parkland Dedication funding, recently restricted by the passage of HB1526.