

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Great Springs Project (GSP) is a Texas nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve natural spaces and promote regional trail connectivity from Austin to San Antonio by engaging local stakeholders, governmental entities, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the City has assembled a large, connected network of conservation lands spanning Travis and Hays Counties that protects the unique ecology of our area and safeguards the quality and quantity of water resources in the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Hill Country Conservancy for planning, constructing, operating, and maintaining the Violet Crown Trail, a public trail on City and other lands, which is a key component of Austin-to-San Antonio trail connectivity; and

WHEREAS, GSP and Hays County have jointly developed a proposal for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2028-2031 Call for Projects for the Priority Multi-Use Connectivity and Permeability Study; and

WHEREAS, GSP and the City of Buda have jointly developed a proposal for the CAMPO 2028-2031 Call for Projects for the FM 967 Shared Use Path Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the project area for each of these studies includes City of Austin Water Quality Protection Lands that are located in Hays County; and

WHEREAS, these studies are expected to advance projects that support safety and connectivity for both trail users and migratory wildlife; and

WHEREAS, establishing these trail connections in the context of large, intact, conserved landscapes has been identified as a priority in numerous City visioning and planning efforts; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

Council acknowledges and supports GSP and Hays County's joint submittal of an application to the CAMPO call for projects for their Priority Multi-Use Connectivity and Permeability Study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council acknowledges and supports GSP and the City of Buda's joint submittal of an application to the CAMPO call for projects for their FM 967 Shared Use Path Feasibility Study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council grants specific permission for GSP, the City of Buda, and Hays County to develop these studies, which include City of Austin property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council requires, as a condition of its support, that the project partners for each of these studies involve City staff throughout the projects, including by providing opportunities for feedback and approving any final design on City property, should their respective project be awarded funding.

ADOPTED: _____, 2026 ATTEST: _____
Erika Brady
City Clerk