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SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action regarding an update to the 2010 Citywide Hike and Bike Trail plan.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

In 2010, the City of New Braunfels adopted the Hike and Bike Trail (HBT) Plan to create a trail and greenway planning tool to enhance the City's transportation and park network. That Plan identified existing and proposed on- and off-street park connections to neighborhood/community parks, schools, and commerce. This effort was later incorporated in the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan to identify transit and bike/pedestrian needs, alternative transportation networks and connections.

Today, both planning document efforts have provided the City of New Braunfels with the tools to locate, design, and implement linear parks, non-vehicular connections to residential and commercial development, and roadway bike/pedestrian facilities.

However, the City's population has continued to grow since the adoption. To address this and the growing interest in hike and bike trails, this document provides an interim update to the ten-year old HBT Plan. This Plan update includes:

- updating the City's inventory of completed trail projects,
- incorporates newly adopted planning studies, and
- introduces new trail opportunities.

The HBT Update gives City staff, elected officials, development, and citizens current information on trail corridor planning efforts and will be a planning tool to assist the City in acquiring land for hike and bike trail corridors.

A presentation on the updated HBT Plan was provided to City Council on August 24, 2020, and staff will provide an overview at the Council meeting. A copy of the presentation will be provided prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	Envision New Braunfels	Prioritize existing city-owned land and future land acquisition decisions to focus investments in a greenway system that achieves a contiguous network.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended approval of the plan at their meeting on July 21, 2020.

The Planning Commission approved the plan at their meeting on September 2, 2020.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the updated Hike and Bike Trail Plan.