



Agenda Item Report

Legislative Board: City Council
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ITEM TITLE: Adoption of an Ordinance on second and final reading to amend the Comprehensive Plan and Trails Master Plan, amending the Trails Master Plan Map Exhibit (CPA 25-02) (Development Services Director/City Engineer Angela Kennedy, P.E., CFM)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item was requested by a member of City Council as a future agenda item at the September 9, 2025, City Council Meeting. The request is to amend the Trails Master Plan exhibit along a portion of Onion Creek to make the specific alignment more flexible for potential future development of the property.

At the November 18, 2025 City Council Meeting, an additional section of trail was proposed to be removed, and the Ordinance was passed on first reading only. The included exhibit for this meeting shows the additional section of trail removed from the Master Plan per Council direction.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Trails Master Plan was adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan in January of 2024, which was developed over the course of two years with input from the general public and City of Buda boards and commissions.

According to the adopted plan, the Trails Master Plan provides a framework for a community-wide trail network that will connect destinations within Buda. This plan is a companion to the Buda's Parks Master Plan and Mobility Master Plan and should be considered an extension of those plans.

The planning area for the Master Plan initiative includes the City Limits, the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), and considers regional linkages to surrounding communities. This plan aims to account for the following:

- A variety of user groups seeking to use the system for different purposes and occasions;
- Both community-wide corridor and off-street greenway trail opportunities;
- Appropriate options for trail types based on surrounding context and user needs; and
- Opportunities to leverage trail investments and partnerships to build the system.

How the Trails Master Plan is Used:

The Trails Master Plan is used as an infrastructure planning guide for new developments and capital improvement projects in the coming years. It should be paired with the *Parks Master Plan*, which includes an inventory of the existing trails, recommendations to achieve plan goals, and capital projects. It should also be viewed as an extension of the *Buda Moves! Mobility Master Plan*, which includes detailed bike/pedestrian design recommendations for each street classification and identified corridors that provide a narrower focus than this plan.

The success of this plan begins with the solidification of trails as an integral component of the City's long range infrastructure plans and regulations. Trails function not only as a recreational benefit - trails are essential infrastructure. Much like the master-planned utilities and thoroughfares accounted

for during the development process, this plan places community-wide trails on equal footing.

3. ANALYSIS

The request is to modify the map exhibit along a portion of Onion Creek, removing the dashed green line indicating the Greenway Trail, but providing an arrow showing the intent for the trail to be continued east. Two smaller trails (Neighborhood Collector Trails) along tributaries connecting Main Street and Old San Antonio Street to the Onion Creek Trail are also removed from the property on the Trail's Master Plan Exhibit.

According to the Trails Master Plan, the city-wide map depicts a connected network of various trail types, which follows routes and links destinations that were identified as desirable by the public during the planning process. "The trail corridors are generally conceptual at this stage and may not reflect the precise, ultimate routing of future trails. Final locations will vary based on land availability or suitability conditions, which will be determined in a future design process."

It is important to note that the alignments in the Trails Master Plan exhibit are not survey grade, but are shown for general planning purposes. The Trails Master Plan also notes that:

"The Trails Master Plan is not a static plan and is meant to be evaluated and changed when needed. It is important to remember that this trail network will be built over decades and alternative designs and alignments may be necessary based on considerations of land ownership, land use and development, construction feasibility, and other factors. Much like the Future Land Use Map and other long-range plans, this plan should be used in conversations regarding proposed development, utility and street improvements, park projects, and other situations that facilitate trail building throughout the community."

Staff is not aware of any specific proposed development at this time on this property.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

None foreseen

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

FUN EXPERIENCES FOR ALL

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Develop a connected recreational, multi-use trail system

7. PROS AND CONS

Pro: Amending the Trail's Master Plan Exhibit may show that the specific location of the proposed trail is flexible within the Onion Creek Corridor.

Con: Amending the Trail's Master Plan Exhibit may lead to confusion over the intentions of the Trails Master Plan, and future development requirements.

8. ALTERNATIVES

City Council may move to:

- Approve the request as presented
- Approve the request with modifications
- Deny the request
- Table the request.

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

This ordinance was approved on first reading at the November 18, 2025, meeting. City Staff

presents this item to Council as requested for consideration for approval on second reading.

Attachments:

[DRAFT Buda ORD_Comp Plan-Trails Master Plan Amendment_v2 \(12.16.25\).pdf](#)
[Trails Master Plan Update 12.16.25 11x17 1.pdf](#)
[12.16.25 CC Trails Master Plan Presentation.pdf](#)