

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2-18-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE PASO DEL NORTE TRAIL ALIGNMENT 1.0, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO VILLAGE LIMITS.

- WHEREAS,** the Village of Vinton Economic Development Incentives Policies and Procedures Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on October 2014 and expresses its commitment to the promotion and retention of high-quality development in all parts of the City and to an ongoing improvement in the quality of life for its citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the Village of Vinton *Imagine Vinton 2035 Comprehensive Plan* was formally adopted by City Council on February 2017 and establishes the necessary policy guidance to enable the Village of Vinton to plan effectively for future development and redevelopment; and
- WHEREAS,** the *Imagine Vinton 2035 Comprehensive Plan* mentions that it will be “critical in future years for Vinton to continue to coordinate regionally for these types of multi-modal projects,” such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** bicycling is a key component of a multi-modal transportation system by improving the quality of life, providing transportation options, transforming and enhancing a community, and is an effective means to promote healthy activities for all ages and abilities; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to helping control weight, physical activity helps prevent heart disease, helps control cholesterol levels and diabetes, slows bone loss associated with advancing age, lowers the risk of certain cancers and helps reduce anxiety and depression; and
- WHEREAS,** multi-use paths, trails and other outdoor recreation opportunities are an excellent way for people to get outdoors and explore their communities, plus trails create important connections between amenities (parks, schools, businesses), which can lead to economic development opportunities and improved quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** the Paso del Norte Trail Master Plan was funded by the Paso del Norte Health Foundation and published in October 2018 with the goal of serving as a regional attraction that connects communities, celebrates El Paso County's history and culture, highlights the Rio Grande and El Paso County neighborhoods, promotes health and active living, and catalyzes economic development; and
- WHEREAS,** the Paso del Norte Trail corridor extends roughly 68 miles--the full length of El Paso County from the New Mexico-Texas border at Anthony south along the Rio Grande, past the Franklin Mountains and Sunland Park, through Downtown El Paso, the Medical Center of the Americas, Chamizal National Memorial, Playa Drain, and then southeast into the rural communities of the Mission Valley, past the historic missions, to the farmlands beyond; and
- WHEREAS,** the development of the Paso del Norte Trail Master Plan was led by a team of volunteers and staff from the Paso del Norte Health Foundation, County of El Paso, City of El Paso, El Paso Water, El Paso Water Improvement District No. 1, El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization, Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, Texas Department of Transportation, UTEP Institute for Healthy Living, and Houghton Financial, and with

input and support from hundreds of residents and dozens of committed and engaged stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Paso del Norte Trail is that it be a destination-worthy trail that functions as a recreation and transportation trail, becoming a source of pride and positive focus for the Village of Vinton, by serving as a cornerstone for future trails, supporting the Village's vision for eco-tourism, community health, and recreational opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS as follows:

That the Mayor and Village Council officially endorse the implementation of the Paso del Norte Trail Alignment 1.0 that is adjacent to Village Limits.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VINTON on this 18th day of February, 2020.


MANUEL LEOS, Mayor

Attest:


ANDREA CARRILLO,
Village Administrator

Approved as to Form:


SHANE A. ENGLISH, Village Attorney