

**CITY OF SUNLAND PARK NEW MEXICO  
RESOLUTION 2019-62**

**Paso del Norte Trail Resolution**

The City Council is informed that:

- WHEREAS,** in June 2018, the City of Sunland Park adopted the Sunland Park 2040 Plan, which is a long-range policy guide to decisions about the physical development of the city, addressing, land use, transportation, community character, economic development, public facilities, utilities, housing, and implementation” and;
- WHEREAS,** Section 8 of the Sunland Park 2040 Plan addresses issues and opportunities related to natural resources and;
- WHEREAS,** Section 8.3.1. of the Sunland Park 2040 Plan specifically addresses developing the Rio Grande into a regional park that provides a recreational attraction for the region, which could include connections to the Paso del Norte Trail and;
- WHEREAS,** a goal of the Paso del Norte Trail is that it be a destination-worthy trail that functions as a local recreation and transportation trail and becomes a place of pride and positive focus for the Paso del Norte region and;
- WHEREAS,** the Paso del Norte Trail corridor extends roughly 60 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,** trails and 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, and improve overall quality of life and;
- WHEREAS,** trails and greenways create healthy recreation and transportation opportunities by providing people of all ages with attractive, safe, accessible places to bike, walk, hike, jog, or skate. In doing so, they make it easier for people to engage in physical activity 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;

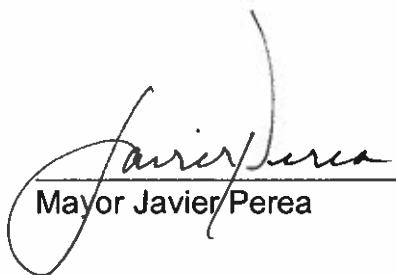
**WHEREAS,** the Paso del Norte Trail Master Plan was funded by the Paso del Norte Health Foundation and published in October 2018 with the goal of serving as a regional attraction that connects communities, celebrates El Paso's history and culture, highlights the Rio Grande and El Paso neighborhoods, promotes community health and active lifestyles, and catalyzes economic development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sunland Park City Council adopts the recitals stated above and approves the submission of the Paso del Norte Trail Master Plan.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

**ATTEST:**

  
Daniel Carranco, City Clerk

  
Mayor Javier Perea

**SEAL**



Roll Call Vote

Councilor Donald McBride	Aye
Councilor Daisy G. Lira	Aye
Councilor Jessica Avila	Aye
Councilor Bertha Salmon	Aye
Councilor Carolina Renteria	Abstain
Councilor Olga Nuñez	Aye