



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: 2/28/12

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Department Head: Steven M. Manilla, P.E., County Executive-TNR

Sponsoring Court Member: Commissioner Davis, Precinct One
Commissioner Gomez, Precinct Four

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Approve the setting of a public hearing on Tuesday March 27th, 2012 to receive public comments and take appropriate action regarding the proposed Colorado River Corridor Plan in Precinct One and Four.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The Commissioners Court approved an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Austin and the Lower Colorado River Authority to develop a long range comprehensive plan for the development of the Colorado River Corridor between Austin and the Travis/Bastrop county line. A DRAFT plan was completed with assistance from the planning firm Bosse Associates, Inc. Staff held a public meeting and received comments on the DRAFT plan which were posted on the County's web page. Staff reviewed with the Court proposed plan amendments on February 14, 2012.

The purpose of the Corridor Plan is to coordinate regional and local planning and private sector investment to facilitate the preservation and enhancement of valuable environmental, economic, recreational, and cultural resources of the plan area over the next twenty-five to thirty years. The Corridor Plan includes objectives for improved protection of local bio-diversity, preservation and restoration of floodplains and natural areas; the creation of parks, open spaces and greenways; enhancement of Corridor quality of life through the long-term restoration and reclamation of mined sites; and enhancement of mobility through capital project development and new design alternatives.

Plan implementation requires private sector and intergovernmental cooperation since multiple government entities are responsible for the various aspects of transportation, natural resource conservation, and environmental protection in the Corridor. The Corridor Plan is designed to improve collaboration at the regional and local level, and to enhance the knowledge and understanding of the valuable resources of the Colorado River.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TNR staff requests the approval for setting a public hearing on March 27th, 2012.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Cynthia McDonald	Financial Manager	TNR	854-4239
Steve Manilla	County Executive	TNR	854-9429

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Anna Bowlin	Development Services	TNR	854-7561
Jon White	Natural Resources	TNR	854-7212

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