

CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the mission of the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) is to assist in the establishment of a comprehensive transportation system to directly benefit the traveling public within the El Paso region through the development of additional transportation alternatives within the region, including the ability to plan, finance, design, construct, maintain or operate pedestrian and bicycle paths; and

WHEREAS, walking and cycling are key components of a multi-modal transportation system which improve quality of life, enhance transportation options, and promote healthy activities for all ages and abilities; 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 mobility, health, active living and catalyzes economic development; and

WHEREAS, trails and outdoor recreation opportunities are an excellent way for people to get outdoors and explore their communities, plus trails create important transportation 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 and in doing so, they make it easier for people to engage in low-impact and safe physical activity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to helping control weight, physical activity, including walking, 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 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, 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, 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 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 will serve as a cornerstone for future trails, which supports the CRRMA's vision for a comprehensive transportation system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY:

THAT the CRRMA hereby expresses support for the Paso del Norte Trail Master Plan and is further supportive of the efforts of the various individuals and entities that are seeking to develop the Paso del Norte Trail.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2019.

**CAMINO REAL REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

Joyce A. Wilson, Chair

ATTEST:

Joe R. Fernandez, Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Raymond L. Telles
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