



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Aaron Tainter, P.E. Assistant Director of Public Works
Mike Garza, P.E., Director of Public Works

Date: August 25, 2026

Reference: Consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between NCTCOG and the City of Coppel, and the local match funding of \$250,000 (Phase 3a) from the City of Coppel; for construction of 1.5 miles of the Cotton Belt Trail Phase 3a within the City of Coppel along Southwestern Blvd and E. Belt Line Road from Freeport Parkway to Mockingbird Lane; and authorizing the Mayor to sign any necessary documents.

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Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to request approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between NCTCOG and the City of Coppel, and the local match funding of \$250,000 (Phase 3a) from the City of Coppel, for construction of 1.5 miles of the Cotton Belt Trail Phase 3a within the City of Coppel.

Background:

A resolution was approved at the June 10, 2025 Council meeting in support of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) application to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 2025 transportation alternatives set-aside call for projects (TA Program), which included the construction of 1.5 miles of the Cotton Belt Regional Bicycle/ Pedestrian Trail Phase 3a within the City of Coppel (the “Trail”).

Please note that some DART documents refer to the Cotton Belt Trail as the Silver Line Trail. Both names refer to the same regional trail that is planned to generally follow the Cotton Belt / Silver Line railroad corridor.

On November 13, 2025, the Texas Transportation Commission awarded TA Program funding for the Trail.

As specified in the June 10, 2025 resolution of support, the local match contribution from the City of Coppel is to be \$250,000, to be provided to North Central Texas Council of Governments

(NCTCOG), in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between NCTCOG, Regional Transportation Council (RTC), and DART concerning the Cotton Belt Regional Trail, which set forth responsibilities with respect to the construction and funding of the Trail. These local funds collected by NCTCOG, in turn, will be transferred to DART for construction of the Trail.

DART has completed the engineering design and secured environmental approvals for the Trail, which is generally located:

- From Freeport Parkway to Sanders Loop, and
- From the intersection of South Moore Road/ East Belt Line Road to Mockingbird Lane/ East Belt Line Road.

The TA Program requires a local match. The City of Coppell will contribute \$250,000 toward construction of the Trail.

Benefit to the Community:

The Trail will enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity throughout the region, improving access, mobility, and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney has reviewed the resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this agenda item is \$250,000 with the funding source from the appropriate fund's assigned fund balance and included in a future budget amendment based on the timing of the project.

Recommendation:

The Public Works Department recommends approval of this item.