



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brad Reid, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: May 8, 2018

Reference: Discussion regarding the replacement of the pedestrian entrance bridge to The CORE

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Introduction:

The pedestrian entrance bridge at The CORE was installed in 2000 during the original construction of what was known as The Coppel Aquatic and Recreation Center. The bridge is a 6-foot wide park-style bridge that sees over 300,000 users per year. During the expansion in 2011, the bridge was not replaced due to the facility needing to remain open during construction. The replacement of the bridge was added to the 5-year plan in 2016 but was delayed to avoid additional impact for patrons while the Andrew Brown Park redevelopment was taking place.

Analysis:

The pedestrian bridge provides an access point into The CORE with an attendance of over 230,000 patrons annually and a safe route to Kid Country and Andrew Brown Park East. The bridge was originally installed in 2000 and is not typically designed for the high volume of users it receives each year. Due to the small width, the bridge can cause a bottle neck for multiple patrons crossing at the same time. With a \$20 million-dollar facility, this will help create an esthetically pleasing entrance for patrons and create a cohesive look with the Andrew Brown Park system.

Legal Review:

Agenda item does not require legal review.

Fiscal Impact:

This project is a CRDC funded item in fiscal year 2017-2018.

Recommendation:

The Parks and Recreation department recommends the replacement of the pedestrian bridge with a 12-foot wide bridge similar to the newly installed bridges at Andrew Brown Park East.