



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Parks and Recreation Board
FROM: Annick Beaudet, Program Consultant, Neighborhood Connectivity Division
DATE: April 3rd, 2012
SUBJECT: Barton Springs Road Project
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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Parks and Recreation Board of project plans for Barton Springs Road. The project implements and improves Route No. 64 of the City's adopted bicycle route system. The City of Austin Bicycle Master Plan was updated and adopted in 2009, per Ordinance No. 20090611-075. Upon the close of this project the route will be completed. Because of the adjacent park uses and other attractions (employers, private & public recreation, restaurants, etc.), the project goal is to provide bicycle to bicyclists of all skill levels.

Consistent with the 2010 Bond Election, the Public Works Department, Neighborhood Connectivity Division, will make mobility improvements to Barton Springs Road from Congress Avenue to Lou Neff Road. The primary focus will be to improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety. The bicycle accommodations planned are a combination of on-street bicycle lanes and multi-use urban trails. There are two locations where the existing road width is not adequate for traditional bicycle lanes, in those locations, and to create a contiguous bicycle accommodation, an off-street multi-use urban trail will be installed. For the multi-use urban trail improvements, portions will need to encroach into parkland (near Butler Park near the Palmer event center, and Zilker Park near Barton Creek). As these improvements support and improve the parkland with an improved multi-use trail system, the Chapter 26 processes is not triggered. Attached are graphics showing the proposed changes to City of Austin Right of Way and City of Austin parkland. This is a briefing and no action is necessary.

Should you have any questions please contact Annick Beaudet, 974-6505 or Nathan Wilkes, 974-7016.