

Agenda item 5b



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Environmental Board
FROM: Chad Crager, Project Manager, Neighborhood Connectivity Division
DATE: July 2, 2012
SUBJECT: Mopac Mobility Project – Bike & Ped Bridge at Barton Creek & Highway Restriping
CC: Keri Juarez, Mike Curtis, Annick Beaudet, Nadia Barrera, PWD
ATTCH: Public Information Meeting Invitation; Location Map; Project Rendering

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Environmental Board about the Mopac Mobility Project. The Project is a proposed bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Barton Creek, and associated main lane operational improvements, which implement several City policies listed under Project Benefits below. The project is estimated at \$6.5M, with costs being shared between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); approximately 75% of the project is funded by TxDOT.

While the design of the project is funded by the City of Austin, TxDOT is bidding and constructing the project due to the construction funding source. With TxDOT constructing the project, and with the project being completely in TxDOT right-of-way, City of Austin permits and regulations do not apply. However, City and TxDOT project staff are voluntarily working closely with City environmental (EV) staff (Chuck Lesniak) to comply with City of Austin EV regulations. Below is additional project information.

Project Sponsor and Project Management:

- Design = City of Austin Public Works Department
- Bid and Construction = TxDOT

Funding Source:

- Design = City of Austin Bicycle Specific Bonds (2000,2006, 2010)
- Construction = TxDOT Proposition 12 Congestion Management Funds (awarded through the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, CAMPO)

Environmental Considerations: The project team has worked closely with City EV staff to meet EV code requirements. The EV code has been met with the exception of cut/fill requirements. The project team is also working closely with relevant City staff and environmental groups to determine the best type of bridge foundation.

Schedule:

- Complete Design = May 2013
- Begin Construction = November 2013
- End Construction = December 2015

Project Benefits:

- Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan Implementation
- Strategic Mobility Plan Implementation
- Bicycle Master Plan Implementation
- Benefits reflected in the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) report which include:
 - Fuel Cost Savings
 - CO2 Emissions Savings
 - Health Costs Savings

TTI report can be found here:

http://www.campotexas.org/pdfs/TTI-Estimating_Future_Bicycle_Use_on_Loop_1-Mopac_Bicycle_Bridge_at_Barton_Creek_&_Lamar_Boulevard-US_290_Interchange.pdf

Attached is the Public Information Meeting Invitation, Project Location, and Project rendering.

This is a briefing and no action is necessary.



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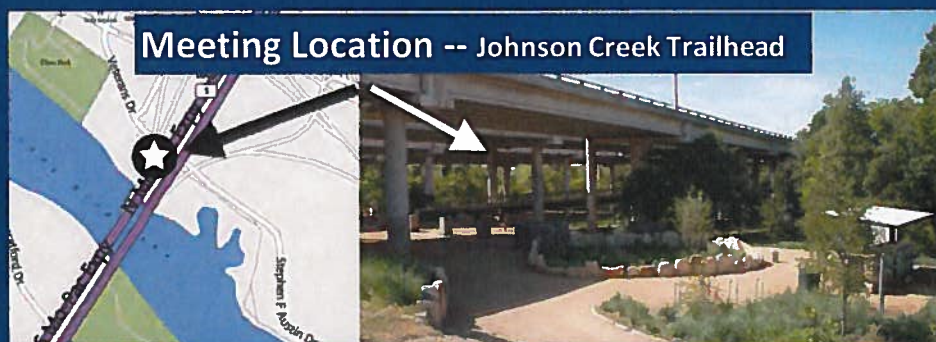


Come learn about a new & safe bicycle and pedestrian transportation option connecting the MoPac Corridor

WHAT: Information Session — MoPac Mobility Improvement Project (MoPac Bike/Pedestrian Bridge at Barton Creek)



WHERE: Johnson Creek Trailhead (north end of MoPac pedestrian bridge)



WHEN: Saturday, July 14 — 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Meeting purpose is to:

- Introduce the project to the public
- Present foundation options considered to date

Project implements multiple City policies:

- Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan
- Strategic Mobility Plan
- Bicycle Master Plan

FREE Smoothies to attendees 11:00 a.m. to Noon

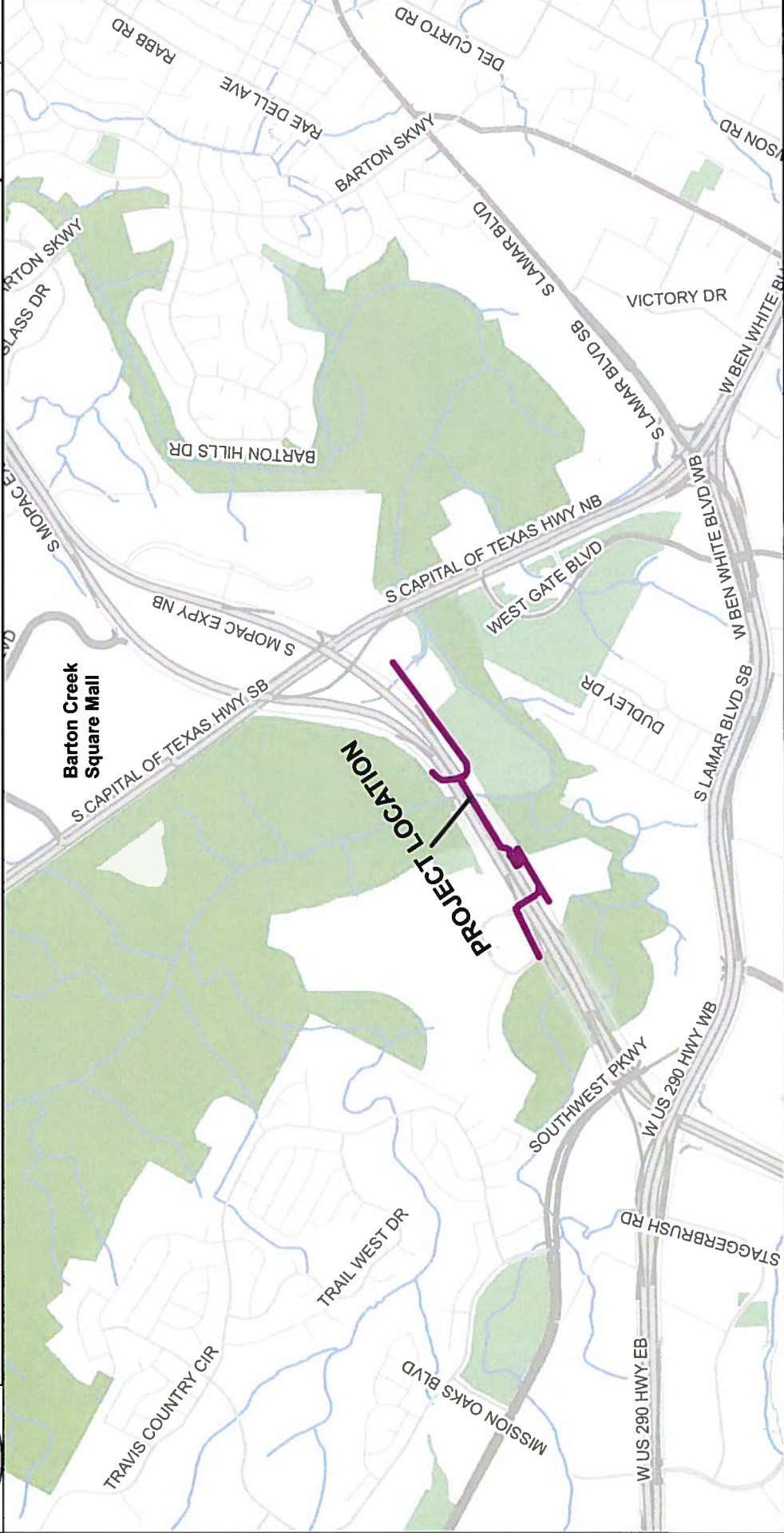
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For information: <http://www.austintexas.gov/mopac-mobility-improvement-project>

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MOPAC MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



MAP CREATED BY NADIA BARRERA ON JUNE 21, 2012 WITH THE USE OF CITY OF AUSTIN DATA



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FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN
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SCALE: AS SHOWN
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