



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Urban Transportation Commission
FROM: Chad Crager, Project Manager, Neighborhood Connectivity Division
DATE: April 1, 2013
SUBJECT: Urban Trail Master Plan Briefing
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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) about the Urban Trails Master Plan (UTMP). Consistent with many of the core principles of Imagine Austin, the UTMP is a master plan that guides the development of a connected and comprehensive citywide urban trails system in the City of Austin. The UTMP will determine:

- Urban Trails standards and definitions
- Improvements needed to existing urban trails
- Location of critical urban trail gaps
- Potential urban trail improvement costs, prioritization, and maintenance requirements
- Recommended policy changes that may be needed to facilitate the implementation of the UTMP

Public Input will be a critical part of the UTMP and will include the following:

- Interviews with key stakeholder groups
- Creation of a Urban Trails Advisory Committee to help guide the public process
- Interaction with the City of Austin staff Technical Advisory Group at key intervals
- Citywide telephone, online, intercept surveys and online interactive map

The approximate UTMP schedule is as follows:

- Inventory of existing facilities (now – May, 2013)
- Public/Stakeholder Input and create Internal/External Advisory Group (April 2013 – May 2013)
- Develop Urban Trails Standards (July 2013 – September 2013)
- Prepare Urban Trails Opportunities, Cost Estimates, and Prioritization (April 2013 – Aug 2013)
- Conduct Final Public Review and Finalize Report (September 2013 – December 2013)
- Present Final Report to Board and Commissions and City Council (January 2014 – March 2014)

Should you have any questions please contact Chad Crager, 974-3570.