



## **Lake Austin Task Force Evaluation**



### **OBJECTIVE**

- 1. Evaluate boat ramp launching and parking fees.**
- 2. Evaluate charging launch and user fees at public boat ramps including parking fees at Walsh Landing through partnering programs.**



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### Walsh Boat Landing



#### CURRENT REALITY:

- Approximately 4 acres
- 4 Boat ramps with trailer parking for approximately 30 vehicles/trailers
- Parking lot for approximately 60 cars
- Approx. 1,800 vehicles paid from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Open year round

#### Parking Fees:

- Weekends and Holidays only from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Boat Launch fees \$10.00/Per day
- Vehicle fee \$5.00/Per day

#### Amenities:

- Restrooms, Picnic Tables, Park Benches
- Wastewater pump station
- Boat docks



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### Walsh Boat Landing

#### CURRENT CONDITIONS

Boat docks have been in place over 40 years and are not constructed or maintained to commercial standards

#### Commercial Use



#### Bulkheads



#### Retaining Walls





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### WALSH BOAT LANDING PARKING LOTS



**Large Lot: Vehicle and Trailer Parking**

**Size:** 110-feet wide by 415-feet long

**Capacity:** Estimated at 30 vehicles with trailers

**Small Lot: Vehicular Parking**

**Size:** 100-feet wide by 133-feet long

**Capacity:** Estimated at 60 cars



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### Emma Long Metropolitan Park



#### CURRENT REALITY:

- Approximately 1100 acres
- Boat Ramp/Trailer Parking area for approximately 40 trailers
- 2 boat ramps; 2 boat docks
- Approx. 2,040 park visitors with boats in FY13
- Open 7 days a week/365 days a year 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

#### Park Entrance Fees:

- Monday – Thursday \$5.00 per vehicle (excluding holidays)
- Friday – Sunday (and Holidays) \$ 10.00 per vehicle

#### Amenities:

- Campsites
- Restrooms, Picnic Tables, Volleyball



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### RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Implement a parking program with the Transportation Department that would add parking kiosks to existing parking lots:**
  - **Raise vehicle parking fees for Walsh Boat Landing to \$2/per hour**
  - **Raise boat launching fees for Walsh Boat Landing to \$20/per 6-hours**
  - **Raise boat launching fees for Emma Long Park to \$20/per day Friday-Sunday (and holidays)**
- **Implement a user (permit) fee for commercial users of Walsh Landing and Emma Long Park.**
  - Walsh Landing - 6 months \$500**
  - Emma Long – 6 months \$1,500**
- **Explore a budget amendment that would enable fees collected from Walsh and Emma Long to remain at that site to support maintenance and repairs of infrastructure.**