

## City of Austin Urban Trails Master Plan

Comprehensive Planning and  
Transportation Committee  
June 2, 2014

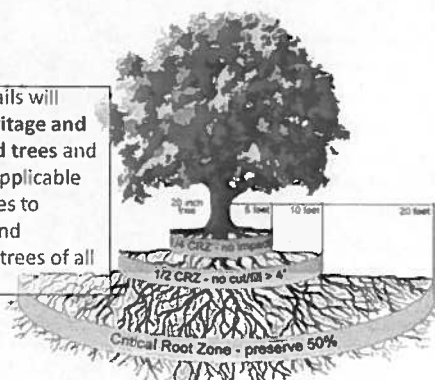
## Catalyst to the UTMP:

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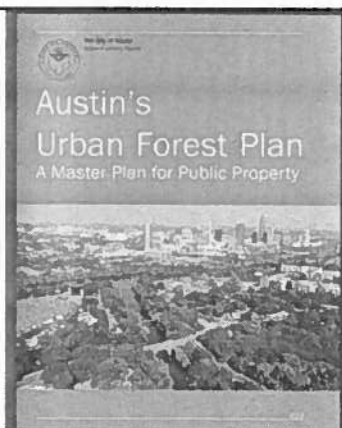
- PWD and PARD to develop comprehensive, interconnected trail plan.
- Coordinate with other Departments (AWU, AE, ARR, WPD) to implement trail plan.
- Provide:
  - Interdepartmental consultation and coordination ,
  - Development of map, and
  - Identification of other processes/plans that would aid implementation.


## Urban Trail Related Plans/Policies

Urban Trails will avoid **heritage and protected trees** and will use applicable techniques to protect and preserve trees of all sizes.




**Community Voices:**  
"Plant trees by  
bicycle paths."  
- Austin's Urban  
Forest Plan



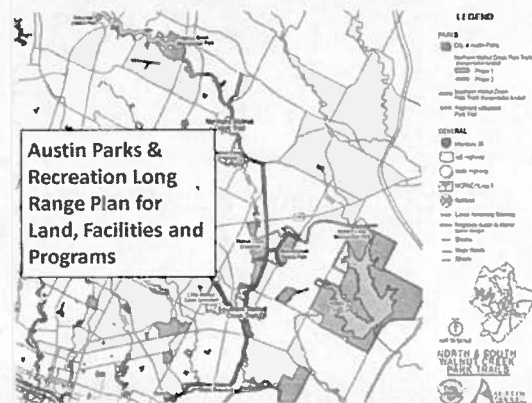


- The 2009 Bicycle Master Plan recommends over 200 miles of multi-use paths.
- The Draft 2014 Bicycle Master Plan Update will reference the Urban Trails recommended in the UTMP.



"Explore opportunities to encourage a development pattern that better protects public and private property, preserves floodplains, creeks and open spaces, and provides access and connectivity with greenways and trails."


- Watershed Protection Ordinance



Austin Parks & Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs

"Urban trails serve recreation and transportation functions, including biking and hiking, and also provide important environmental benefits by creating open space linkages and expanding the City of Austin's green infrastructure network."


- Imagine Austin

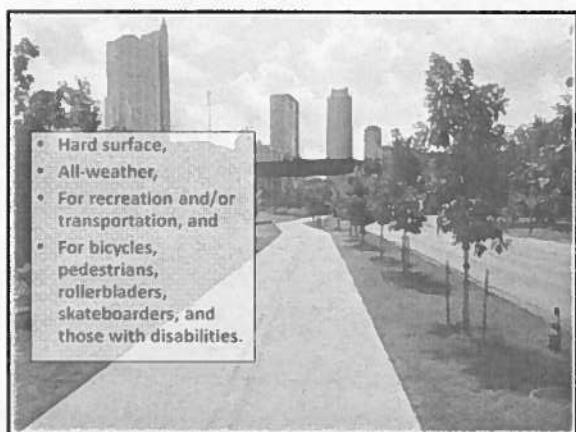
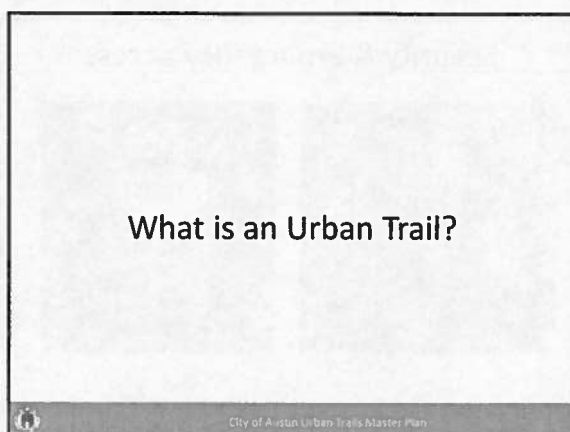
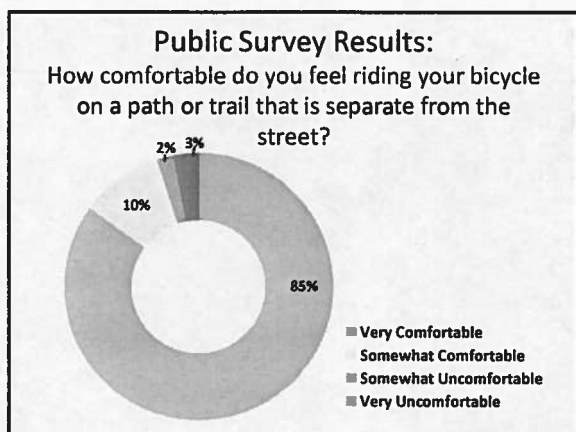


## Goals of the Urban Trail Master Plan

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1. Implement existing plans/policies,
2. Create Urban Trail design guidelines, and
3. Plan for and implement Urban Trail maintenance, and
4. Encourage Active Transportation by building and connecting to appropriate facilities.





### The Typical Urban Trail

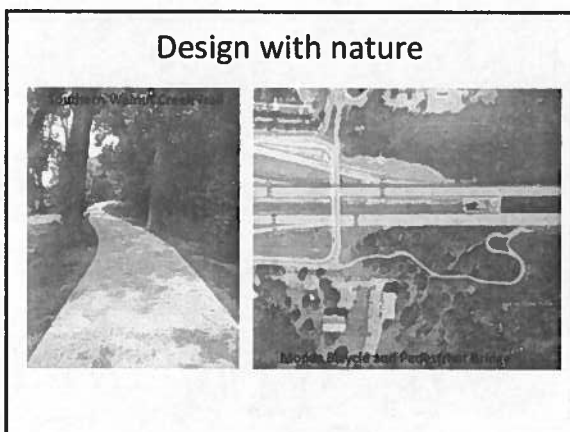
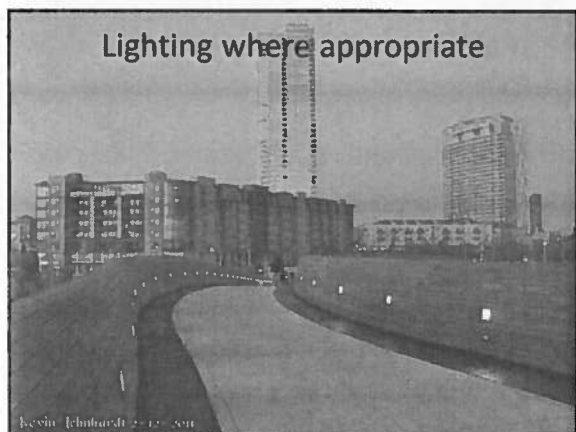
Southern Walnut Creek Trail

	Criteria
Standard Width	12'
Maintained Vegetated Shoulder	2'
Standard Vertical Clearance	10'

### The Dual-Track Urban Trail

	Criteria
Standard Width	9' for pedestrian side 10' for bicycle side
Maintained Vegetated Shoulder	5' over top section 2' shoulder
Standard Vertical Clearance	12'

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## Security & emergency access

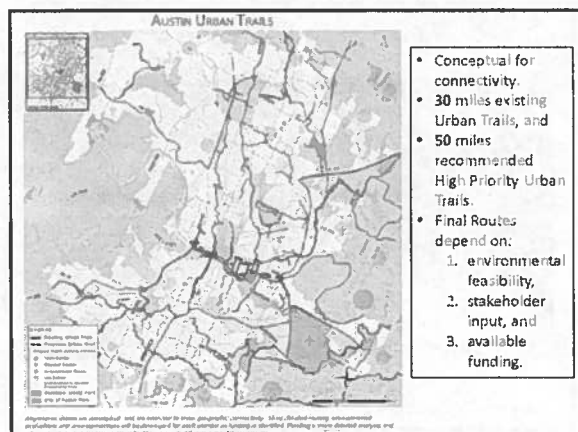


## Wayfinding



## How an Urban Trail becomes an Urban Trail

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- Conceptual for connectivity.
- 30 miles existing Urban Trails, and
- 50 miles recommended High Priority Urban Trails.
- Final Routes depend on:
  1. environmental feasibility,
  2. stakeholder input, and
  3. available funding.

## Urban Trail Corridors – Prioritization Criteria



Attractors/Destinations



Population Within .5 Mile



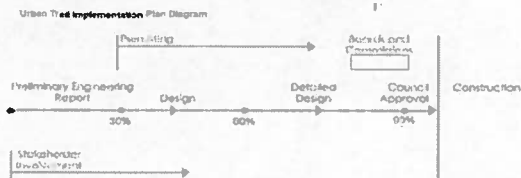
Connectivity



Community Support

### Next Steps:

- Preliminary Engineering Report includes:
  - Environmental Assessment, Impact Statement, Cultural Assessment, Critical Environmental Features, Geotechnical Reports and more.
  - At least two stakeholder Open Houses
- Permitting includes: Interdepartmental Review
- Design includes: Interdepartmental Review



### Questions?

