



BOARD/COMMISSION/ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

**Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities**

Recommendation Number: 20140609-03A – Urban Trails Master Plan

WHEREAS, Austin City Council Resolution No. 20080424-064 directed the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments to create and implement a Urban Trail Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Urban Trail Plan is to implement the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and to enhance Austin's quality of life over the long-term by advancing mobility, public health and safety, livability, environmental enhancement, sustainability, equity, affordability, economic activity, climate resiliency, and excellence in mobility and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that citizens with disabilities have a right to full participation in the social, cultural, and economic activities of our City and that they, in turn, support our community; and

WHEREAS, Accessibility for, and inclusion of, citizens with disabilities is a core value for all City programs and services, thus offering more opportunities an enhanced quality of life for everyone in Austin; and

Whereas, the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities supports the City's continued compliance with ADA Title II requirements for pedestrian infrastructure, as part of all construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan established a Priority Action to "Create a trails master plan to ensure connectivity and provide consistency with regional, city, and neighborhood level trail and transportation goals to provide pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods and destinations; incorporate trails throughout the city and region; encourage developers to connect to or complete the trail system; and use protected land along creeks and floodplains in an environmentally sustainable way." [CFS A9]; and

Whereas, the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities believes that it is critical to provide an accessible network that includes access to elements such as affordable housing and public transit stops, as part of the overall transportation network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities**

Recommends to the City Council approval and implementation of the Urban Trails Master Plan.

Date of Approval: June 09, 2014

Record of the vote: 5-0 in favor with two absences

Attest:

Dolores González