



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014 6:00 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Current Commission Members

_____ Dean Almy (DA) – Chair	_____ Juan E. Cotera (JC)
_____ Evan Taniguchi (ET) – Vice Chair	_____ James Shieh (JS)
_____ Hope Hasbrouck (HH) – Secretary	_____ Jeannie Wiginton (JW)
	_____ Bart Whatley (BW)
	_____ Jorge E. Rousselin (COA – PDRD) Staff Liaison

AGENDA

Please note: Posted times are for time-keeping purposes only. The Commission may take any item(s) out of order and no express guarantee is given that any item(s) will be taken in order or at the time posted.

	Approx. time
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	6:00 PM
1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.	6:00 PM
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action) a. Discussion and possible action on the December 16, 2013 Design Commission meeting minutes.	6:15 PM
3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action): a. Discussion and possible action on the Reconnect Austin Project seeking support from the Design Commission to consider this as an additional alternative and request that it receive further study. (Sinclair Black, Black+Vernooy Architecture and Urban Design); b. Discussion and possible action on the Design Development submittal of the Fiskville Substation Enclosure Project located at 9821 ½ Middle Fiskville Rd. seeking support for the replacement of the chain link fence. (Ron Humphrey, COA- Austin Energy); and c. Briefing on the City of Austin Bike Share Program (Nadia Barrera, COA - Public Works Department).	6:20 PM
4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action) Discussion and possible action on Design Guidelines for infrastructure projects as directed by City Council Resolution No.: 20120816-060 including discussion on Design Commission's areas of critical concern and engagement with City Staff.	7:20 PM

5. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Standing Committees Reports; b. Working Group Reports; c. Liaison Reports; d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair. 	7:45 PM
6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None	7:50 PM
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transportation Criteria Manual Revisions 	7:50 PM
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chair Announcements; b. Items from Commission Members; and c. Items from City Staff. 	7:55 PM
ADJOURNMENT	8:00 PM

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Design Commission Committees, Working Groups, and Liaisons

Committees

1. Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Committee: Wiginton (Chair), Cotera, Whatley
2. Executive Committee: Shieh (Chair), Almy, Taniguchi

Working Groups

1. Project Review Working Group: Refer to rotating list
2. Comprehensive Plan Working Group: Taniguchi (Chair), Whatley, Hasbrouck
3. Non-Urban Project Review Working Group: Shieh (Chair), Whatley, Taniguchi
4. Urban Design Guidelines Working Group: Cotera (Chair), Shieh, Almy
5. Urban Open Space Working Group: Whatley (Chair), Hasbrouck, Wiginton
6. Nomination Working Group: Cotera (Chair), Shieh, Wiginton
7. Education and Outreach Working Group: Hasbrouck (Chair), Cotera, Wiginton
8. Infrastructure Design Guidelines:
 - a. Synthesis Working Group: Hasbrouck and Wiginton
 - b. Overview Working Group: Almy and Hasbrouck
 - c. Background Working Group: Taniguchi and Hasbrouck
 - d. Values and Vision Working Group: Cotera and Almy
 - e. Guidelines Working Group: Whatley and Shieh
 - f. Process Working Group: Wiginton and Shieh

Design Commission Liaisons

1. Affordable Housing Liaison: Wiginton
2. Downtown Comm. Liaison / Downtown Austin Plan: Whatley
3. TOD Liaison: Shieh
4. East Riverside Master Plan: Shieh
5. Airport Boulevard Redevelopment Initiative: Whatley
6. South Shore Waterfront SDAT: Almy
7. Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan: Taniguchi
8. Downtown Wayfinding: Taniguchi

Design Commission Staff Liaison:

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Urban Design, Planning and Development Review Department
City of Austin, One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78704
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Resources:

1. The Urban Design Guidelines for Austin can be accessed here:
[Urban Design Guidelines for Austin.](#)
2. Design Commission backup may be accessed here: [Design Commission Backup.](#)



DESIGN COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013 6:00 PM
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*Excused Absence

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: Chair D. Almy @ 6:04 pm
Roll Call: All present

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on the November 25, 2013 Design Commission meeting minutes.

The motion to approve minutes as drafted made by J. Wiginton; second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [4-0]. [B. Whatley; J. Cotera; J. Shieh]

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action) None

4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Discussion and possible action on timeline and related documents for accomplishing Design Guidelines for infrastructure projects as directed by City Council Resolution No: 20120816-060.

Discussion on draft material prepared by landscape and infrastructure work group to engage staff. Commission requested all Commissioners come prepared to discuss questions to engage Staff. No action by the Commission.

5. COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Standing Committees Reports: **None**
- b. Working Group Reports: **None**
- c. Liaison Reports: **None**
- d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: **None**

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Transportation Criteria Manual Revisions

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Announcements: **None**
- b. Items from Commission Members: **None**
- c. Items from City Staff: **None**

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 6:32 PM

RECONNECT AUSTIN

[Overview Video](#)

Item 3A





1873

REFERENCES:

- State Capitol
- General Land Office
- Quarantine Court
- Texas State House
- Quarantine Court
- State House

REFERENCES:

- City Hall & Market House
- State House
- Quarantine Court
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TRAVIS COUNTY TEXAS

REFERENCES:

- Episcopal
- Methodist
- Quarantine Court
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Great Street Success: **Second Street**

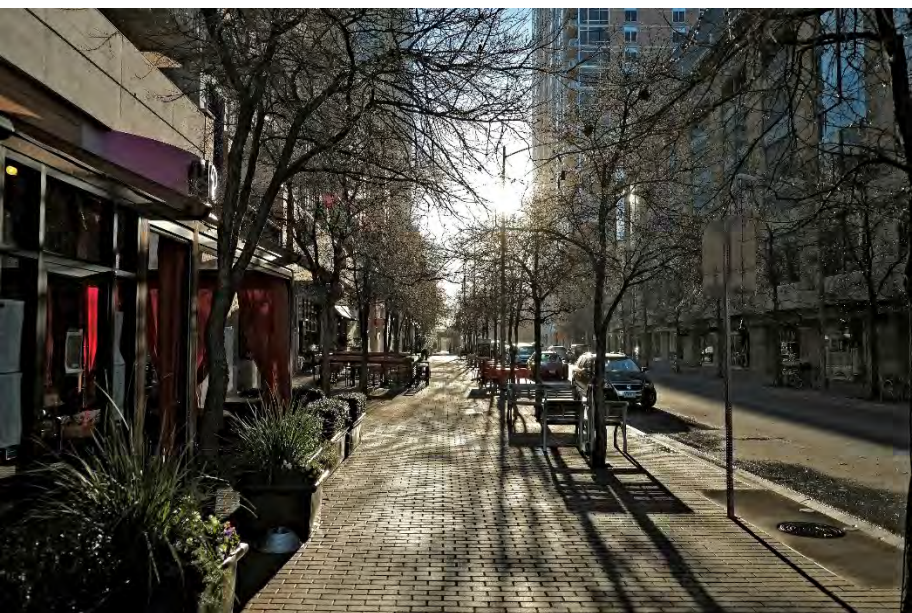


Before

Great Urban Design
Creates
Economic Development



After



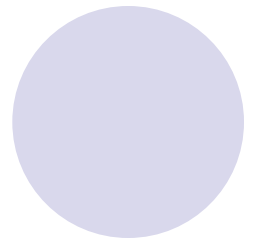
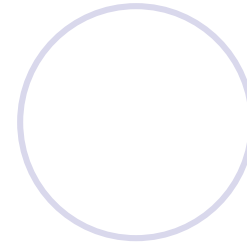
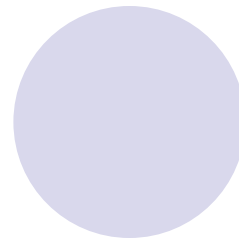
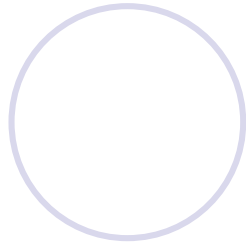
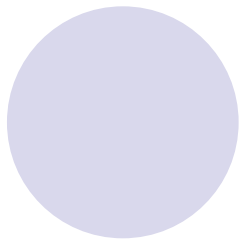


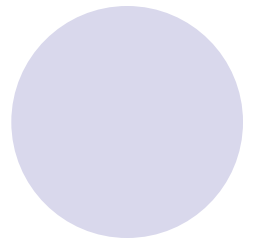
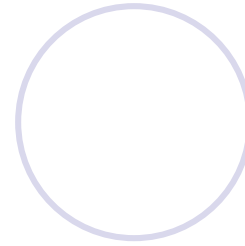
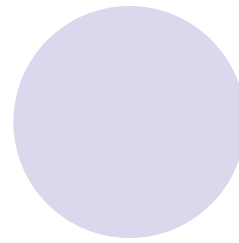
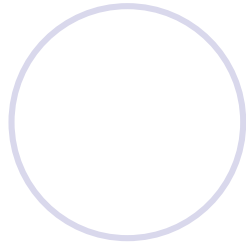
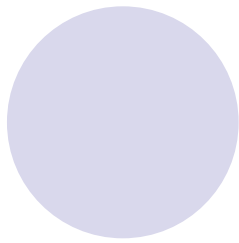
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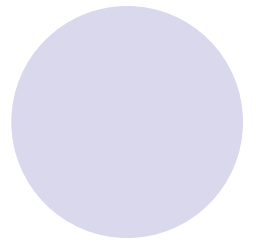
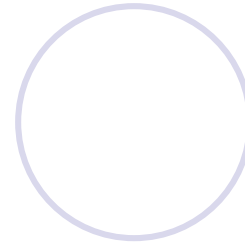
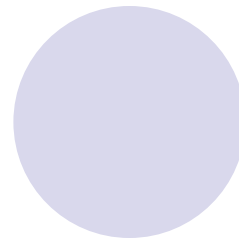
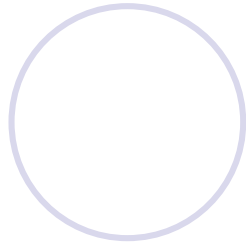
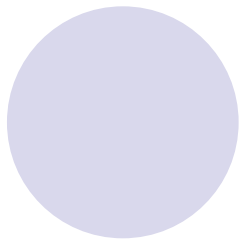


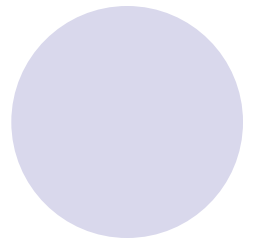
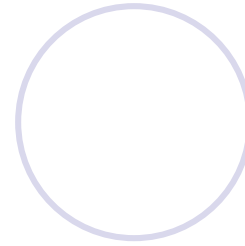
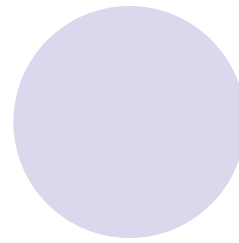
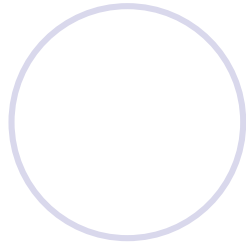
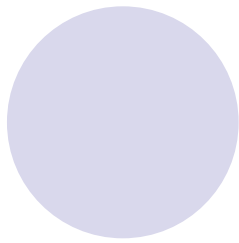
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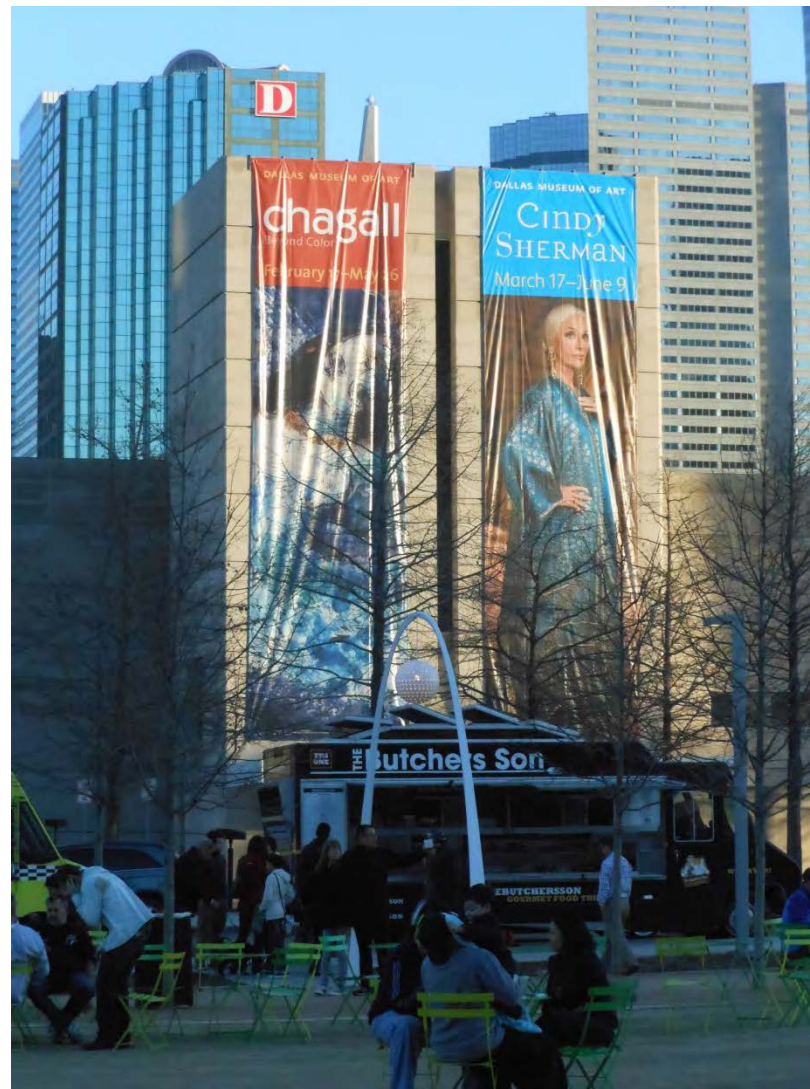
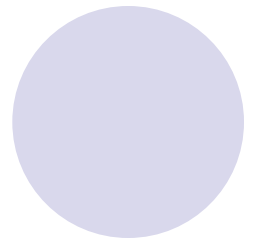
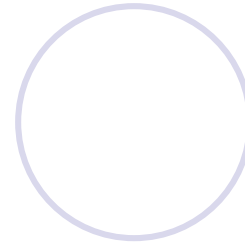
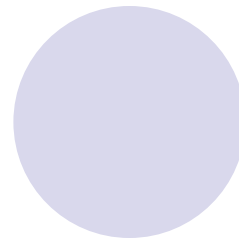
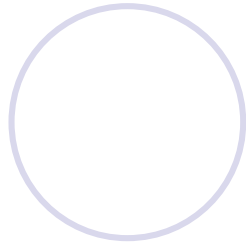
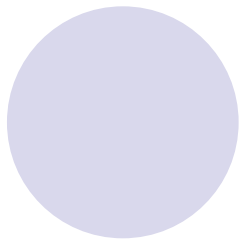


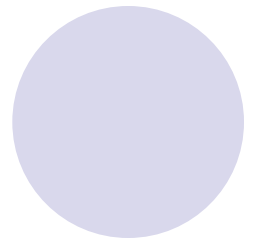
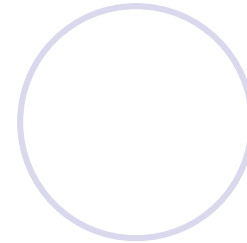
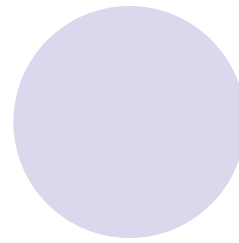
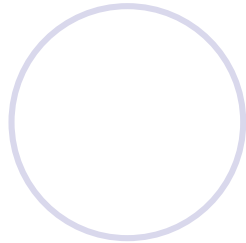
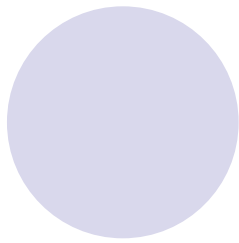












Freeway just before it goes under the park



Frontage Roads



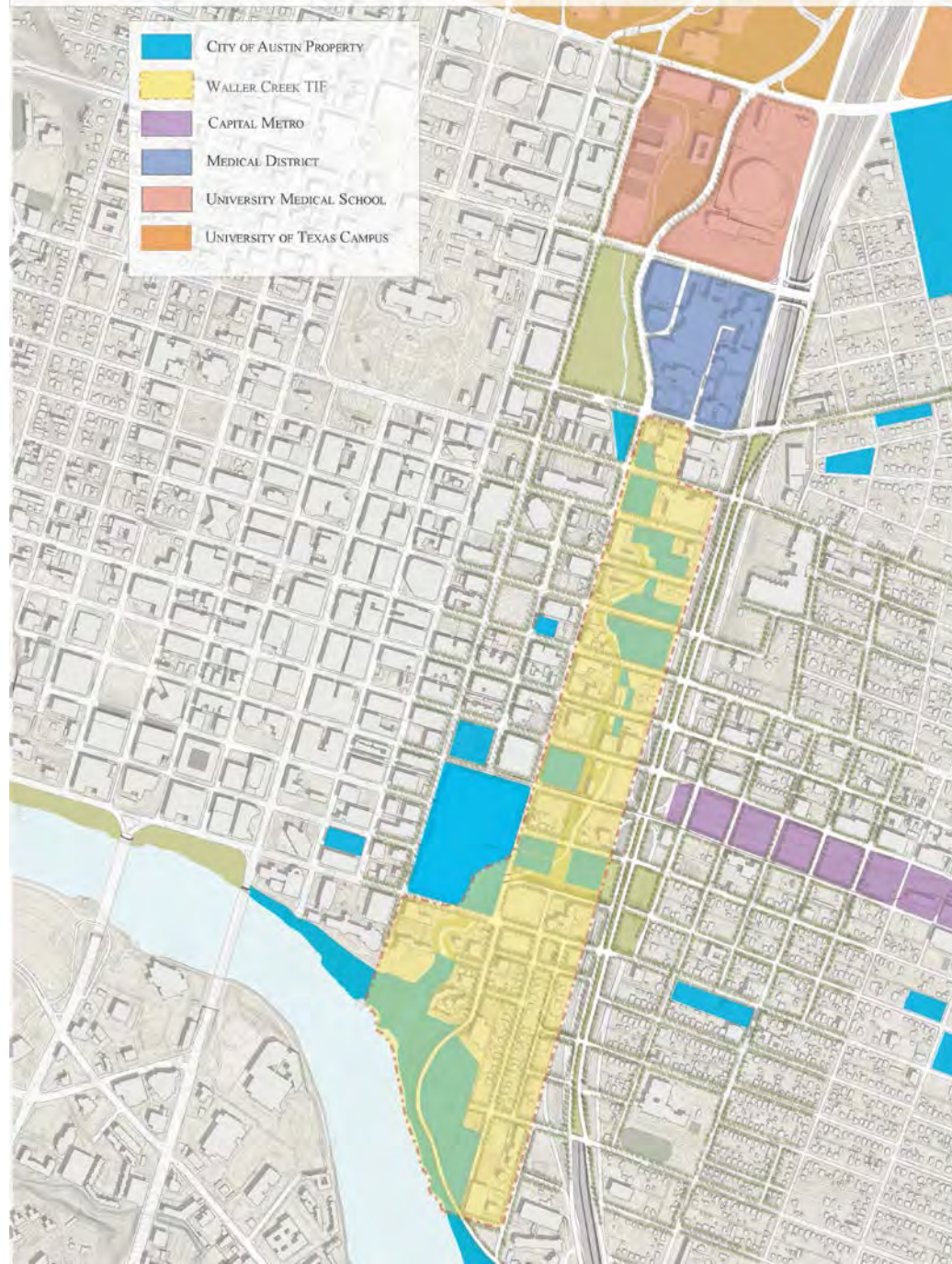


OUTREACH

- ~ African American Resource Advisory Commission
- ~ Alliance for Public Transportation
- ~ American Council of Engineering Companies
- ~ American Institute of Architects*
- ~ Austin Area Regional Transit*
- ~ Austin Area Research Organization
- ~ Austin Bicycle Advisory Council*
- ~ Austin Liberal Democrats
- ~ Austin Revitalization Authority*
- ~ Blackshear Neighborhood
- ~ Capital Area Council of Boy Scouts Board
- ~ Central Texas Certified Commercial Investment Members
- ~ Cherrywood Neighborhood*
- ~ City of Austin City Council offices
- ~ Congress for the New Urbanism*
- ~ Delwood II Neighborhood
- ~ Downtown Austin Alliance*
- ~ Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association*
- ~ East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team*
- ~ Leadership Austin
- ~ Metropolitan Breakfast Club
- ~ Mobility Investment Priorities (Rider 42) Central Texas Working Group
- ~ Opportunity Austin
- ~ Organization for Central East Austin Neighborhoods
- ~ Rainey Neighbors Association*
- ~ Real Estate Council of Austin*
- ~ Scenic Texas*
- ~ Sierra Club*
- ~ Urban Land Institute
- ~ Waller Creek Conservancy


*Organizations that have
written a letter of support

OPPORTUNITY CORRIDOR





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The background image shows a vibrant city street scene. On the left, a tall brick building with many windows stands next to a row of green trees. On the right, there are more modern buildings, including one with a sign that says "WHITE GLOVE". People are walking on the sidewalks, and cars are driving on the street. The sky is blue with some white clouds. The text is overlaid on this scene.

TxDOT must rebuild I-35
through downtown, so why not
design a corridor that is **safe**
and **enjoyable** for **all** users?

IMAGINE AN I-35 THAT IS BELOW GROUND AND INVISIBLE, REMOVING THE FORMIDABLE BARRIERS THAT EXIST TODAY, RECONNECTING EAST AND WEST AUSTIN, WHILE INCREASING HIGHWAY CAPACITY THROUGH THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

RECONNECT AUSTIN

RECONNECT AUSTIN IS A LONG-TERM URBAN DESIGN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SOLUTION TO A TRAFFIC PROBLEM. I-35, THROUGH AUSTIN'S URBAN CORE, IS THE 4TH MOST CONGESTED ROADWAY IN THE US. LIKE MANY HIGHWAYS, THE BRIDGES ARE OVER 50 YEARS OLD, NECESSITATING RECONSTRUCTION.

SINCE THE HIGHWAY MUST BE RECONSTRUCTED, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETHINK HOW I-35 INTERACTS WITH, AND IMPACTS, OUR CITY.

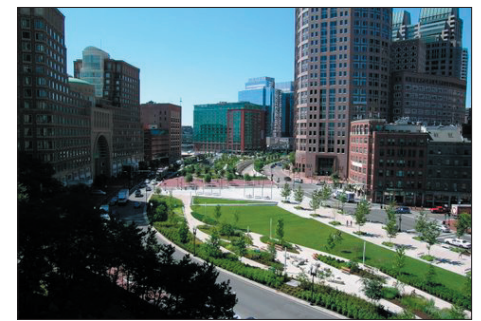
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PRECEDENTS



SEATTLE, WA



BOSTON, MA



PORTLAND, OR



DALLAS, TX



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BENEFITS

LOCAL AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

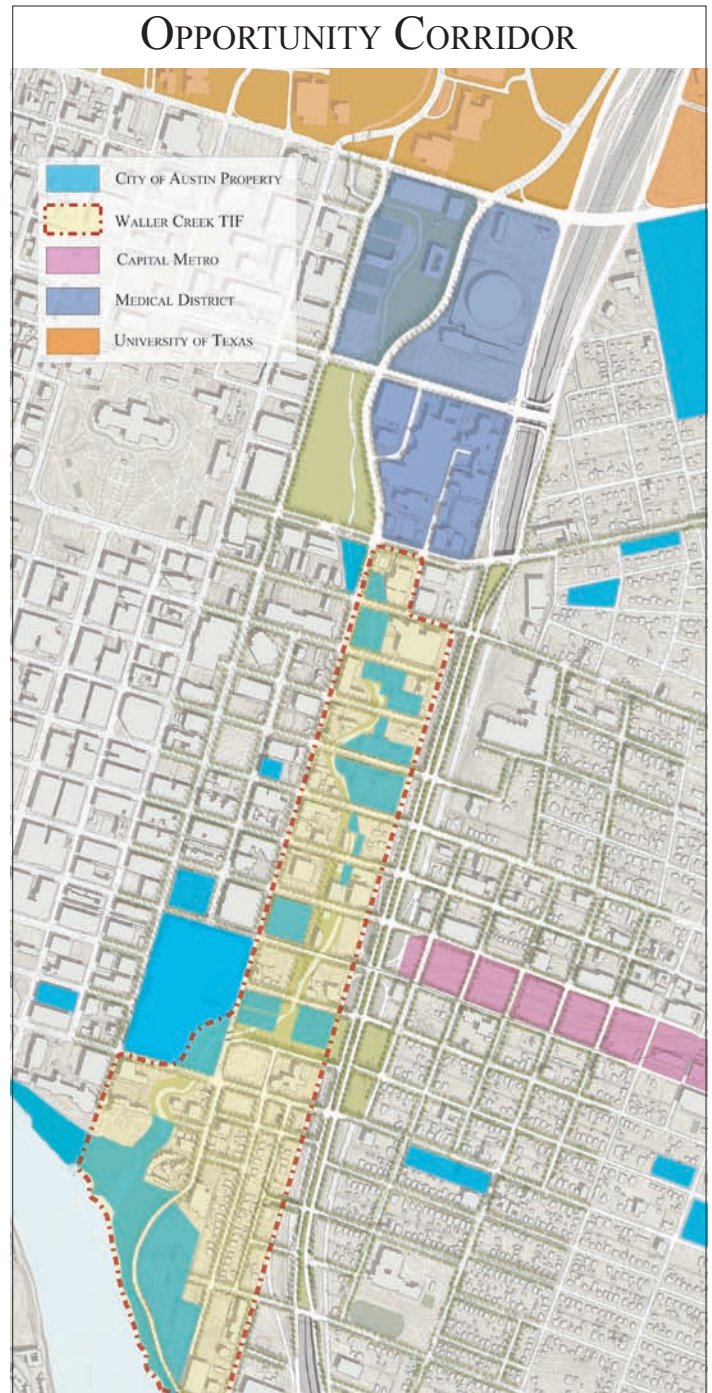
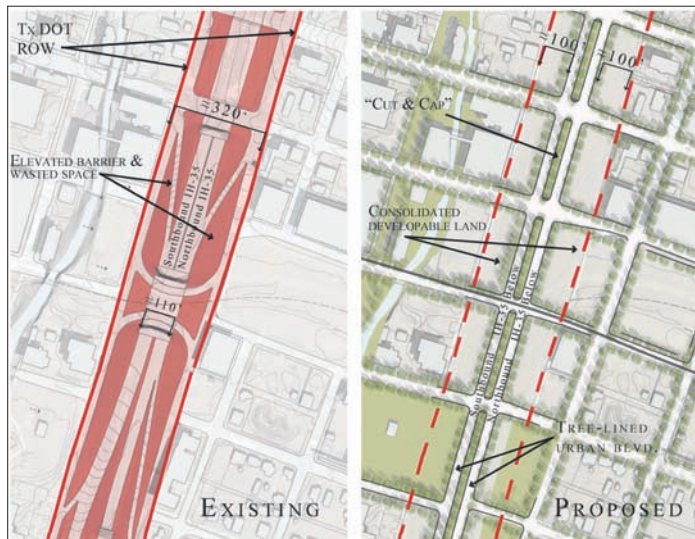
- INCREASES THROUGHPUT CAPACITY AND REDUCES CONGESTION
- RE-ESTABLISHES URBAN GRID, PROVIDING CONNECTIONS FOR ALL MODES OF TRAVEL
- SEPARATES HIGH SPEED TRAFFIC FROM THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- IGNITES DEVELOPMENT IN DEGRADED AND/OR CURRENTLY NONEXISTENT PARCELS
- GENERATES REVENUE TO PAY FOR ITSELF
- LEVERAGES TAXPAYER INVESTMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE

- REMOVES A HISTORIC SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVIDE
- CREATES NEW OPEN SPACE
- MITIGATES NOISE POLLUTION AND CO2 EMISSIONS
- ADDS FLOOD CONTROL



January 27, 2014

Reconnect Austin seeks support from the Design Commission in the form of:

A letter to The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requesting that the Reconnect Austin project be included as the 4th Alternative for Segment 5 of the I-35 Capital Area Improvement Program, to be included in the Federal Environmental Review (NEPA).

As an example, we have provided the City of Austin Bicycle Advisory Council letter to TxDOT. Currently, TxDOT has three Alternatives in their Implementation Plan:

- No Action
- Modified Existing (Elevated)
- Depressed with Partial Caps

Including Reconnect Austin as the 4th Alternative will allow it to be thoroughly studied. This in turn will give the citizens of Austin the ability to compare each alternative on equal footing and have a strong community discussion of the pros and cons of each Alternative.

To date TxDOT has not considered economic development, existing and future land uses, or urban design in their formal consideration of plans for I-35. The City of Austin recognizes the potential economic impact to the City and has engaged Jon Hockenyos to prepare an Economic Study that will facilitate the discussion of long term economic impact of this type of project on the City of Austin. That study will be released in March 2014. Reconnect Austin believes it is inappropriate to exclude this Alternative without the benefit of understanding the long term economic implications.

August 20, 2013

Ms. Stacey Benningfield
I-35 Program Manager
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin District
PO Box 15426
Austin, TX 78761-5426

Dear Ms. Benningfield,

The Austin Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) is a grassroots citizen group advising the City of Austin and other jurisdictions on all matters relating to the use of the bicycle. Its purposes are to provide feedback to Austin city staff on infrastructure and policy plans, to make recommendations about bicycle-related funding priorities, and to offer a public forum for all bicyclists to bring their concerns and opinions. The BAC has operated in its current form since 2007 and welcomes lively debates between citizens and city government.

According to the American Community Survey, Austin currently enjoys a 2% mode split for bicycling citywide, with as much as a 10% mode split for certain core areas. A recent presentation called ThinkBike, by the Dutch bicycling embassy, showed our community how we can reach beyond that 2%: build a network of cycling facilities that is safe and easy to navigate for all ages, including beginning cyclists. With this network, children will have more freedom to venture out on their own, adults can get more exercise, and people can swap their cars for bicycles for short trips, thus reducing congestion in the core.

Reconnect Austin's I-35 Cut and Cap plan will dramatically improve the landscape for cyclists of all ages. TxDOT's other proposed options, including No-Build, will not reduce the barrier effect that I-35 currently has on cyclists. Between Lady Bird Lake and 15th Street, the only safe crossing is at Holly Street in the Rainey District. The Cut and Cap plan would restore the original street grid in Austin, giving beginning cyclists choices in crossing I-35, and increasing the connectivity for all cyclists from either side of I-35. It will also contribute to a less polluted environment for cyclists and all citizens living near the corridor or using the surrounding area. The BAC would prefer a design for I-35 that benefits all road users, including cyclists, to one that simply maximizes automobile traffic throughput, and the Cut and Cap plan would best fulfill that preference.

The BAC respectfully requests your attention to the I-35 Cut and Cap plan as the fourth alternative for the urban core segment.

Sincerely,



Allison Kaplan, Chair
Austin Bicycle Advisory Council

Cc: Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division
Council on Environmental Quality
Honorable Kirk Watson of the Texas Senate
Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Austin
Black + Vernooy Architecture and Urban Design



**City of Austin
Design Commission – Project Submittal Consideration Sheet**

Project Name: Fiskville Substation Enclosure Project		
Project Location/Address: 9821-1/2 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, Texas		
Applicant: Austin Energy, Kathy Strittmatter, Public Involvement/Real Estate Services Agent	Property Owner: City of Austin Texas, a Municipal Corporation	
Mailing Address: 721 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, Tx 78704	Mailing Address: 721 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, Tx 78704	
Phone Number: 512-322-6410	Phone Number: 512-322-6410	
Project Architect/Engineer: Lora Teed, P.E., Project Mgr./Engineer	Project Start Date: 09/01/14	Project End Date: 11/30/14
Mailing Address: 721 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, Tx 78704	Phone Number: 512-505-7159	
Is project subject to redevelopment site plan or zoning application approvals? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anticipated Dates of Action Planning Commission: 01.27.2014 City Council: Summer 2014	
Narrative Description of Proposed Project (including entitlements that you are seeking; attach or add additional page(s) as necessary) : The support of the Design Commission for Austin Energy's (AE) Project and to define the steps AE is taking to follow the design process for replacement of the chain link fence with a masonry enclosure at the Fiskville Substation.		
Is Alternative Equivalent Compliance (AEC) requested for this project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please refer to following page		
Current Status of Submittal: <input type="checkbox"/> Conceptual <input type="checkbox"/> Schematic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design Development		
Do you have a copy of the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If not, please see: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/downtown/downloads/urban_design_guidelines_for_austin.pdf		
Please fill in the subsequent information on the following pages.		



**City of Austin
Design Commission – Project Submittal Consideration Sheet (Continued)**

Relate the project to applicable items addressed in the Urban Design Guidelines for Austin. For an explanation of each guideline, please review the document at:
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/downtown/downloads/urban_design_guidelines_for_austin.pdf

ALTERNATIVE EQUIVALENT COMPLIANCE (AEC)

Is AEC being requested for this project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain nature of request including alternatives offered and entitlements sought. Attach additional page if necessary.

AREA WIDE GUIDELINES

1. Create dense development

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

2. Create mixed-use development

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

3. Limit development which closes downtown streets

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

4. Buffer neighborhood edges

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

5. Incorporate civic art in both public and private development

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

6. Protect important public views

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

7. Avoid historical misrepresentations

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

8. Respect adjacent historic buildings

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

9. Acknowledge that rooftops are seen from other buildings and the street

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

10. Avoid the development of theme environments

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

11. Recycle existing building stock

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

GUIDELINES FOR THE PUBLIC STREETSCAPE

1. Protect the pedestrian where the building meets the street

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

2. Minimize curb cuts

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

3. Create a potential for two-way streets

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

4. Reinforce pedestrian activity

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

5. Enhance key transit stops

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

6. Enhance the streetscape

☒ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☐ N/A

7. Avoid conflicts between pedestrians and utility equipment

☒ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☐ N/A

8. Install street trees

☐ incorporated, ☒ need input, ☐ N/A

9. Provide pedestrian-scaled lighting

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

10. Provide protection from cars/promote curbside parking

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

11. Screen mechanical and utility equipment

☒ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☐ N/A

12. Provide generous street-level windows

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

13. Install pedestrian-friendly materials at street level

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

GUIDELINES FOR PLAZAS AND OPEN SPACE

1. Treat the four squares with special consideration

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

2. Contribute to an open space network

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

3. Emphasize connections to parks and greenways

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

4. Incorporate open space into residential development

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

5. Develop green roofs

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

6. Provide plazas in high use areas

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

7. Determine plaza function, size, and activity

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

8. Respond to microclimate in plaza design

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

9. Consider views, circulation, boundaries, and subspaces in plaza design

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

10. Provide an appropriate amount of plaza seating

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

11. Provide visual and spatial complexity in public spaces

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

12. Use plants to enliven urban spaces

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

13. Provide interactive civic art and fountains in plazas

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

14. Provide food service for plaza participants

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

15. Increase safety in plazas through wayfinding, lighting, & visibility

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

16. Consider plaza operations and maintenance

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

GUIDELINES FOR BUILDINGS

1. Build to the street

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

2. Provide multi-tenant, pedestrian-oriented development at the street level

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

3. Accentuate primary entrances

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

4. Encourage the inclusion of local character

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

5. Control on-site parking

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

6. Create quality construction

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A

7. Create buildings with human scale

☐ incorporated, ☐ need input, ☒ N/A



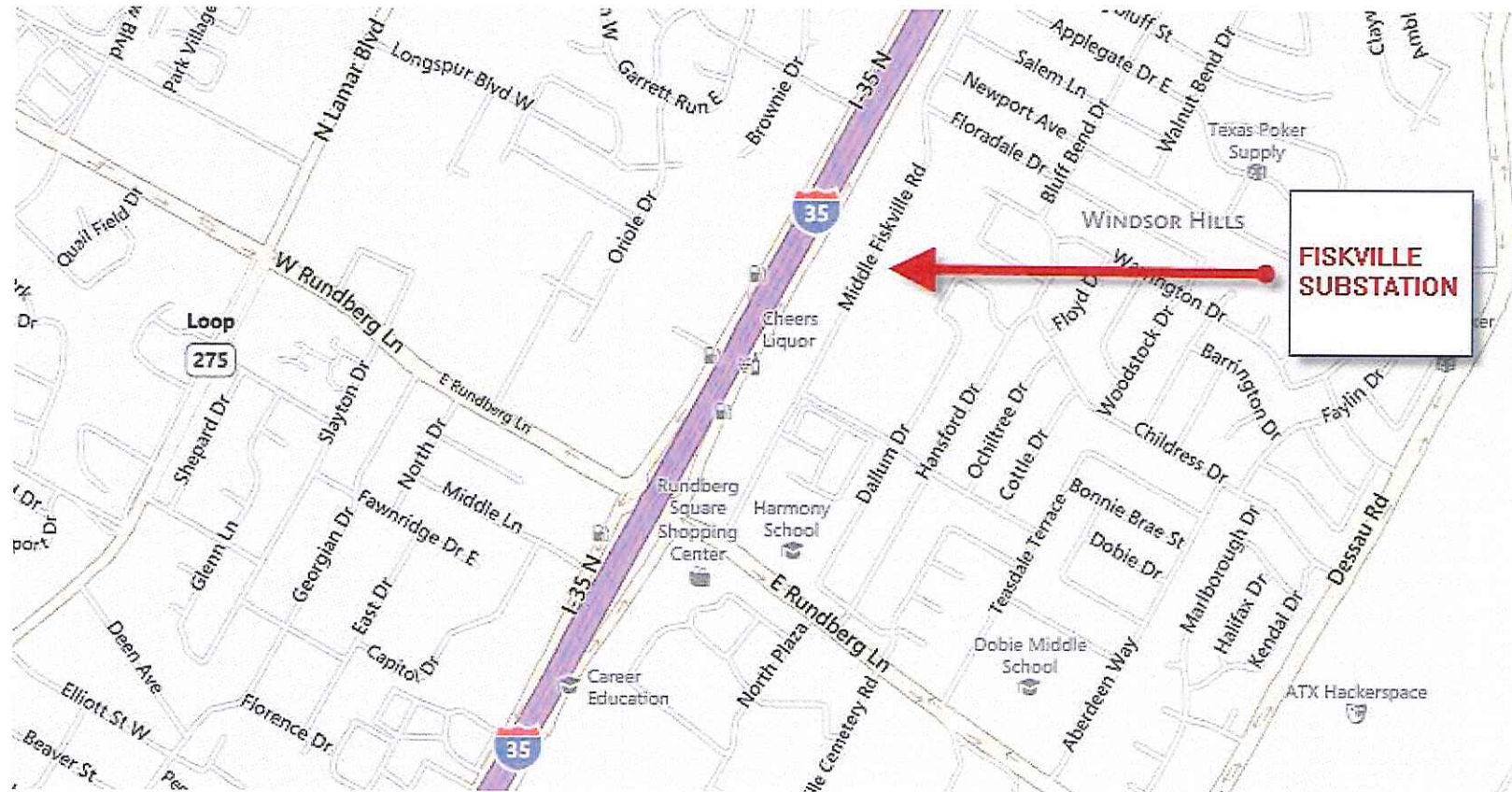
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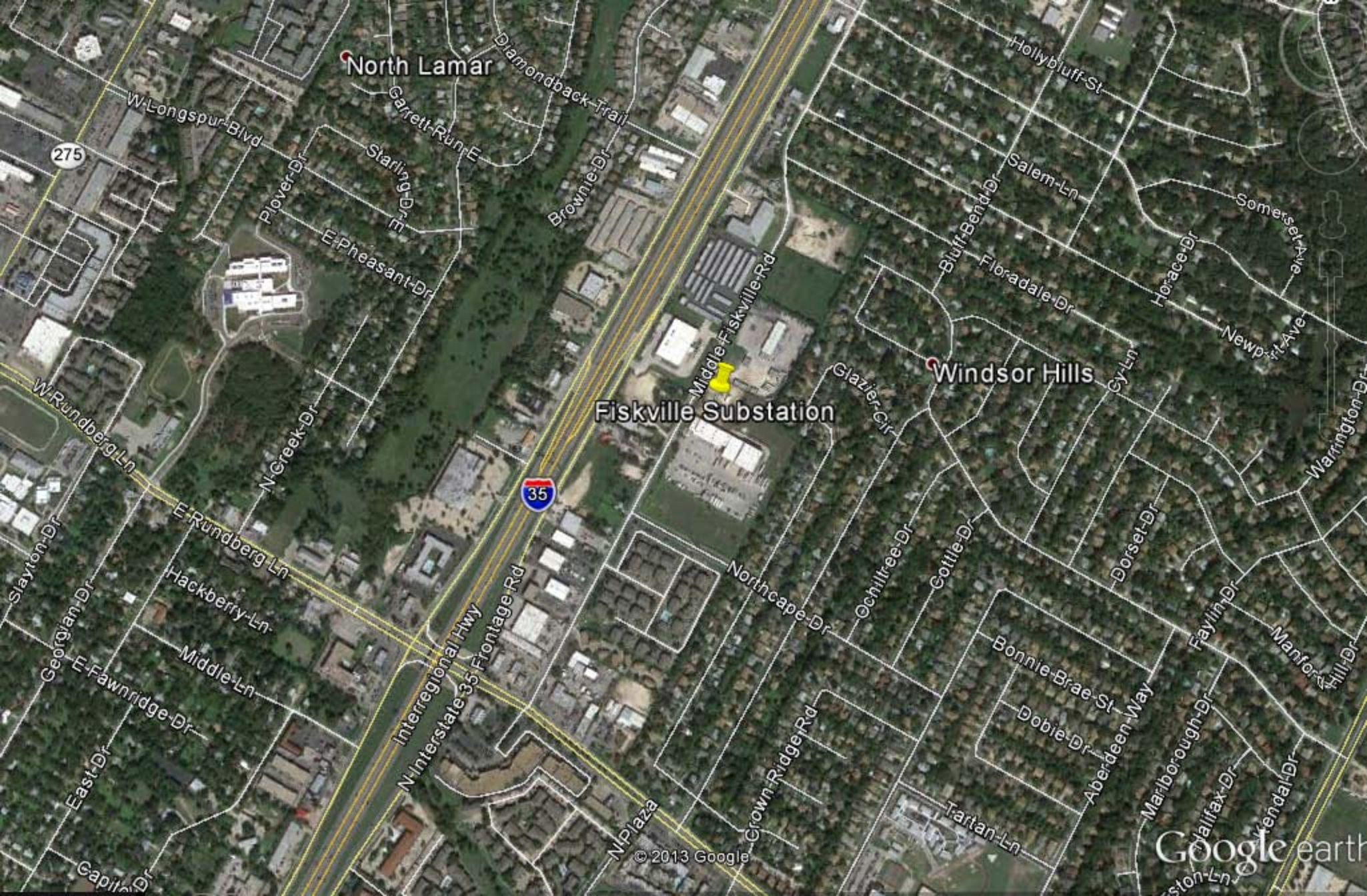
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PROJECT SCOPE

- *REPLACE EXISTING CHAIN LINK FENCE WITH MASONRY ENCLOSURE*
- *CREATE A LANDSCAPE BUFFER BETWEEN ENCLOSURE AND MIDDLE FISKVILLE ROAD.*

LOCATION MAP





North Lamar

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Fiskville Substation

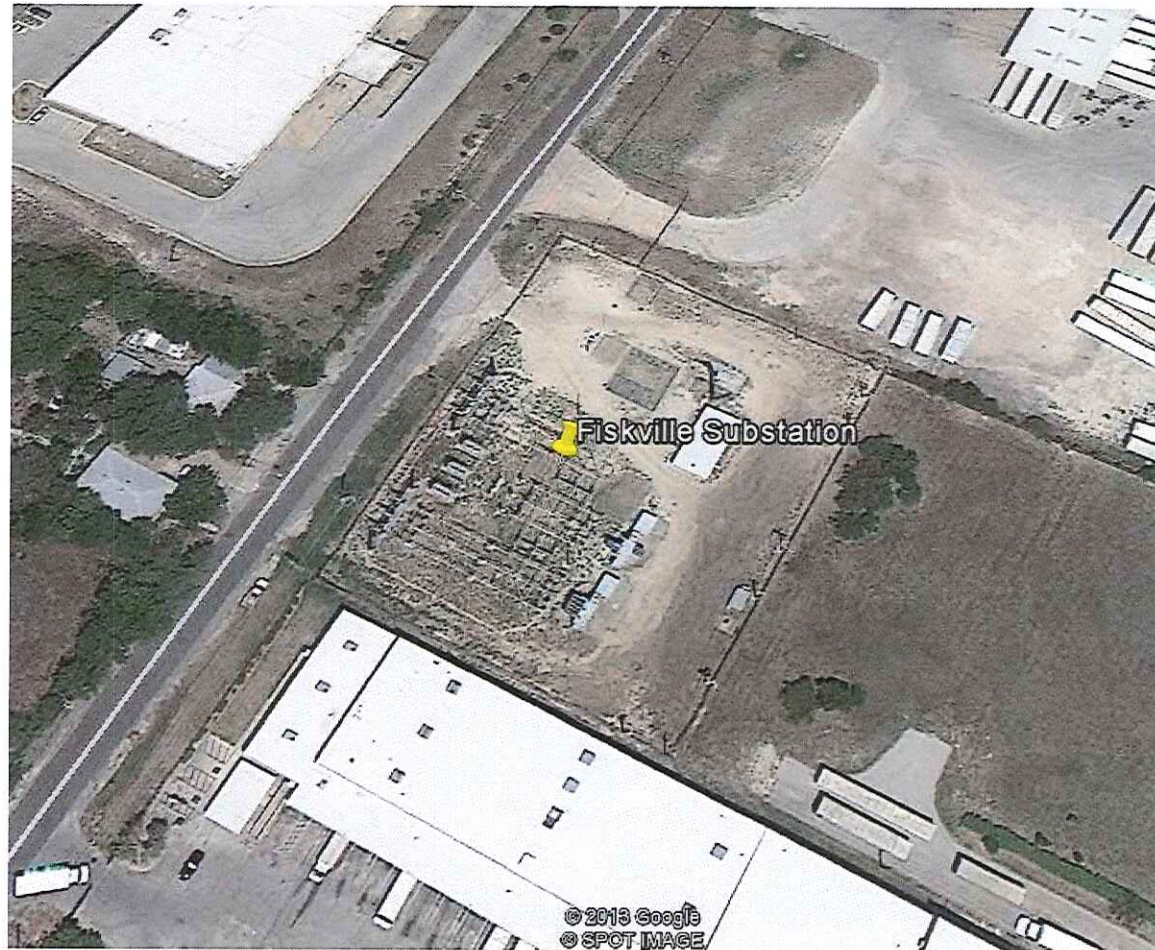
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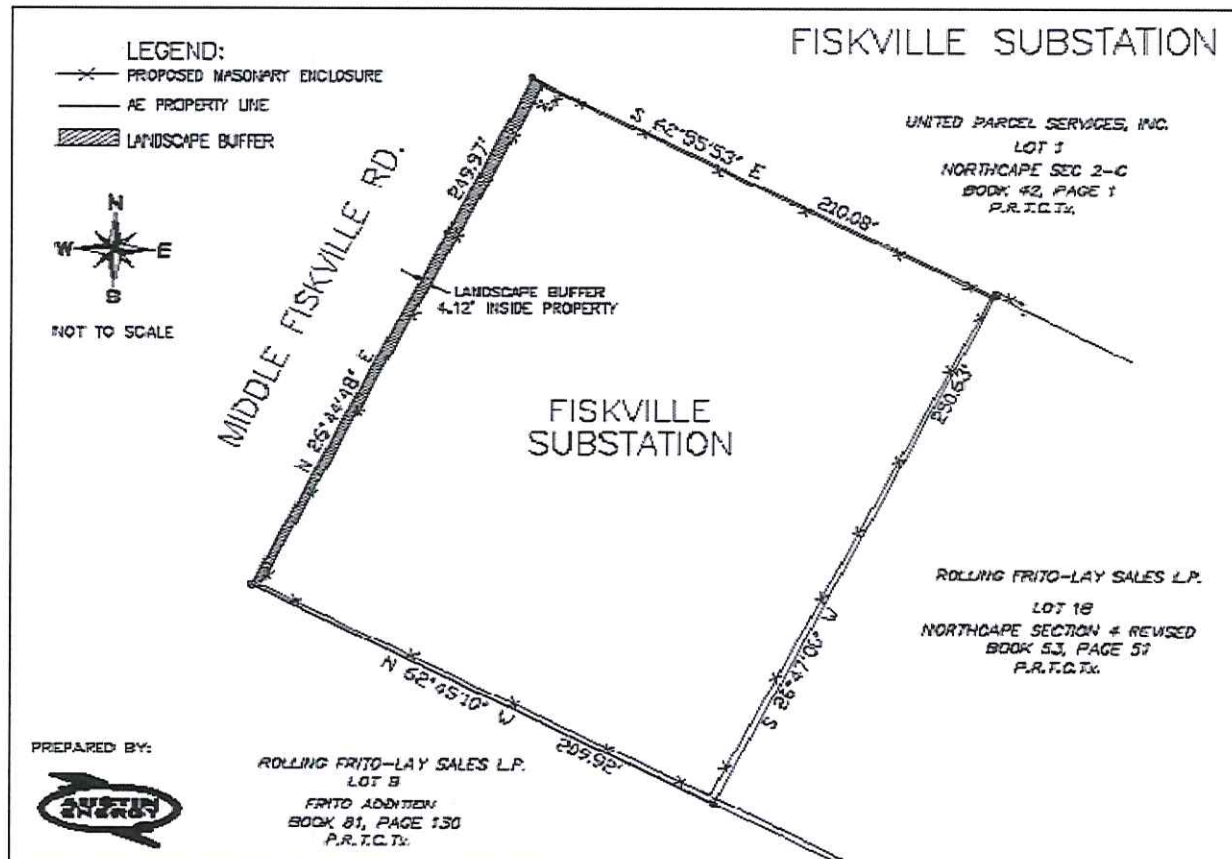
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AERIAL MAP



SURVEY SKETCH



EXISTING CONDITIONS



URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES

INCORPORATION

- Streetscape 6, Page 38, *Enhance the Streetscape*
- Streetscape 7, Page 39, *Avoid Conflicts between Pedestrians and Utility Equipment*
- Streetscape 8, Page 40, *Install Street Trees*
- Streetscape 11, Page 43, *Screen Mechanical and Utility Equipment*

COMMUNITY INPUT PROCESS

STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION

- NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS:

Windsor Hills Neighborhood Association

Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills Combined Contact Team

North Acres Homeowners Association

- PROPERTY OWNERS ADJACENT TO SUBSTATION

ROLLING FRITO LAY NORTH SALES L.P.

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.

- ACROSS THE STREET

9727 North IH 35 - PURVIS BEARING SERVICES, LTD

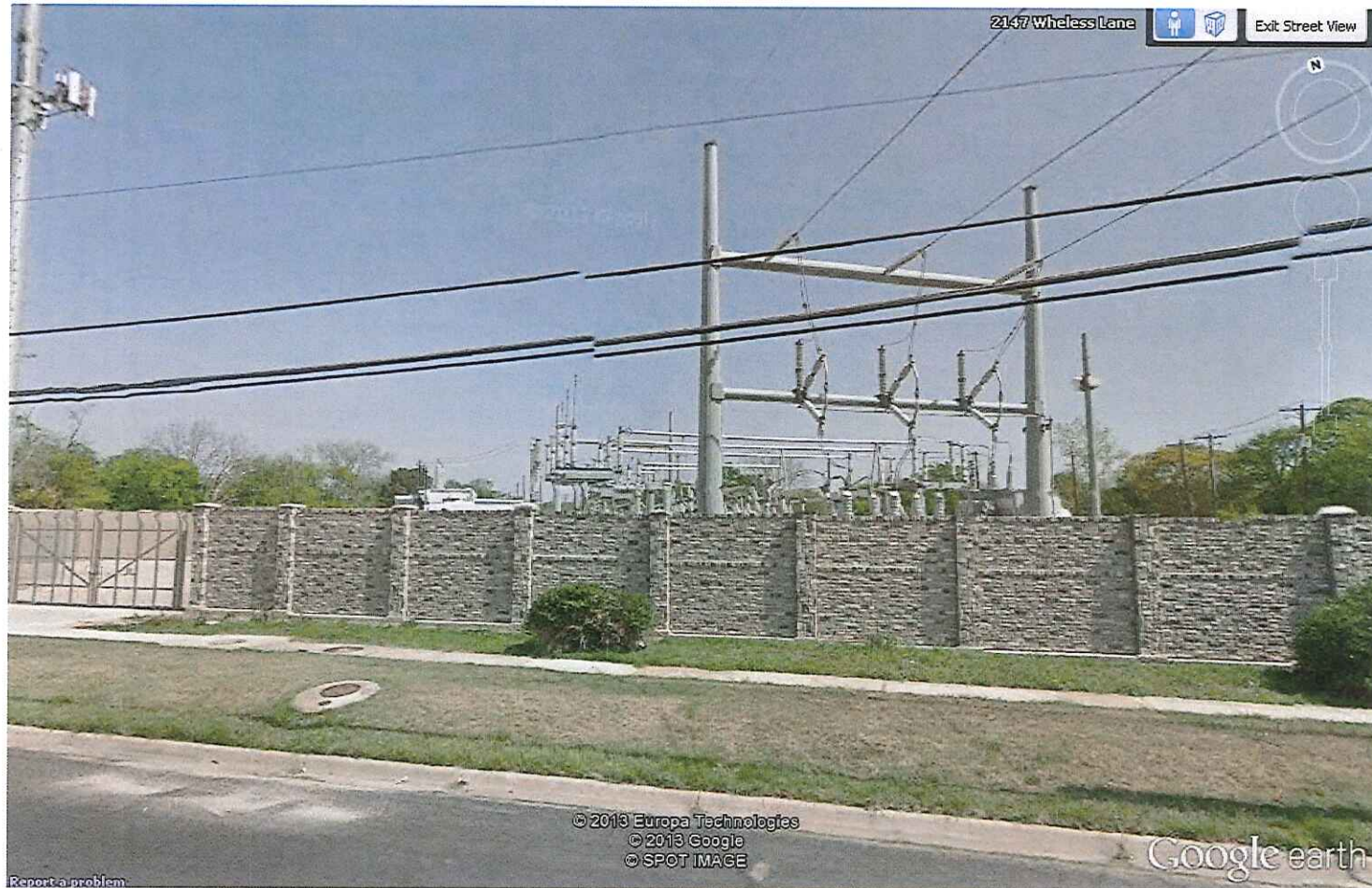
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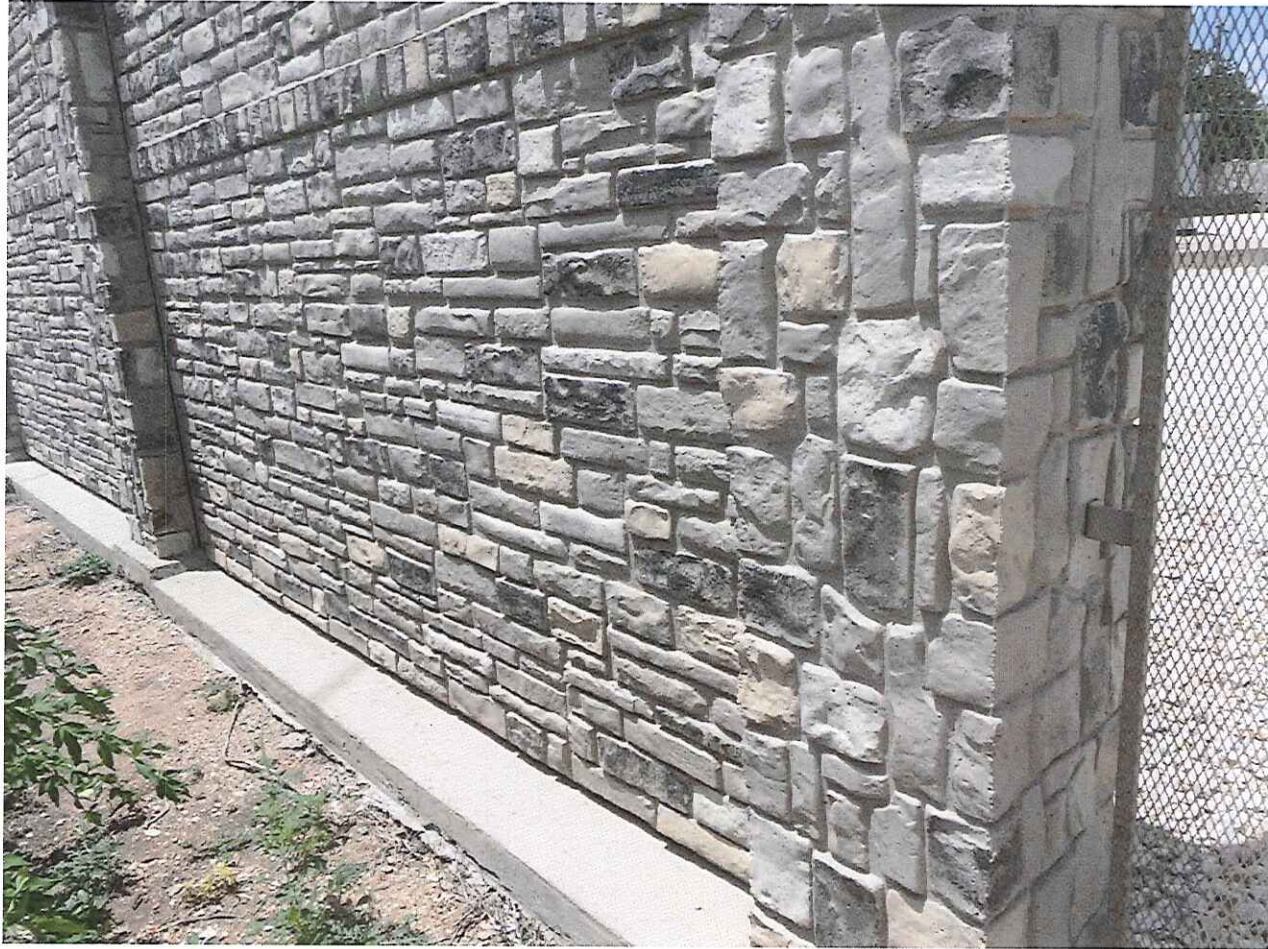
9806 Middle Fiskville Road – Individual Owner

PROPOSED ENCLOSURE

(PHOTO OF WHELESS SUBSTATION)



MASONRY WALL



DRIVEWAY GATES



LANDSCAPE BUFFER

GOAL: ENHANCE THE STREETScape

PLANT SPECIES REQUIREMENTS:

- ***SUSTAINABLE - HEAT AND DROUGHT TOLERANT***
- ***LOW MAINTENANCE***
- ***LIMITED HEIGHT DUE TO POTENTIAL CLIMBING HAZARD***
- ***COMPATIBLE WITH WATER CONSERVATION GOALS OF THE CITY***

STREETSCAPE PLANT SPECIES

- *TEXAS RED BUD*
- *YAUPON HOLLY*
- *POSSUMHAW HOLLY*
- *TEXAS PERSIMMON*
- *KIDNEYWOOD*
- *SALVIA GREGGII*
- *CENIZO*
- *DWARF YAUPON*
- *AGARITA*
- *YUCCA*
- *MUHLY GRASS*

WHAT WE NEED FROM THE DESIGN COMMISSION

- SUPPORT FOR:
 - *MASONRY ENCLOSURE PLAN*
 - *LANDSCAPE BUFFER PLAN*



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Austin Design Commission

FROM: Nadia Barrera, Project Coordinator, Public Works Department

DATE: January 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Bike Share Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide back-up to the City of Austin Design Commission for a presentation at their January meeting.

Milestones:

- July 2012 - The City of Austin authorizes a funding agreement with TXDOT to accept \$1.5m in grant funding, supported by \$.5m in match provided by a private entity to initiate and implement a public bike sharing program. (Note: This program is completely cost neutral to the City in that all funding has been provided by grants or private entities.)
- May 2013 - The City of Austin signs a contract with local, non-profit organization, Bike Share of Austin. Bike Share of Austin will support and manage the Bike Share Program for the City. Per this contract, representatives of the City of Austin, DAA, DANA, CapMetro, and the Convention Visitor Bureau sit on an Advisory Board who executes key decisions such as approval of key personnel, approval of locations, approval of advertising, messaging, funding, sponsorships, and fees. Bike Share of Austin has a separate Board of Executives who will focus on fundraising and sponsorships to ensure the success of Bike Share of Austin. City of Austin staff will be responsible for overall contract management, outreach as needed, and technical support.
- July 2013 - Public outreach for the Bike Share Program begins with the release of www.votebikeshareaustin.com, an interactive website designed to gather public input on preferences for locations of bike share kiosks. The website also serves as a "one-stop-shop" for

information on the Bike Share Program. A survey utilizing the City's SpeakUp Austin platform was also released.

- August 2013 - The City of Austin signs a contract with B-Cycle, a national vendor of bike share systems.
- September 2013 - Public voting and the SpeakUp survey officially close with over 6,000 votes and suggestions for locations received using the interactive website.
- December 21, 2013 – Austin B-Cycle launches with 11 locations and 110 bicycles.

Next Steps:

The Bicycle Program is currently working with internal and external stakeholders to finalize bike share locations for the second and third phase of this project. These stakeholders include but are not limited to: the Planning and Development Review Department, the Park and Recreation Department, the Transportation Department, Building Services, the Downtown Austin Alliance, Capital Metro, the South Congress Business Alliance, the Austin Parks Foundation, Friends of Republic Square Park, the Sustainable Food Center, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Downtown Neighborhood Association, and other private stakeholders.

- Late January – early February 2014: Phase II stations are installed.
- Late February – early March 2014: Bike Share Phase III launch.

How it Works:

- Swipe your credit card to access the system. Annual members can swipe their B-Cycle card at any available bicycle.
- Choose a bike and pull it out of the dock.
- Ride.
- No charge for 1st 30 minutes of each checkout. Usage fees apply after (\$4/30 minutes).
- Check bike into station near your destination.

How much does it cost?

- Annual memberships are \$80.
- Weekly memberships (7 days) are \$25.
- Day memberships are \$8.
- Discounts for City of Austin employees are available.

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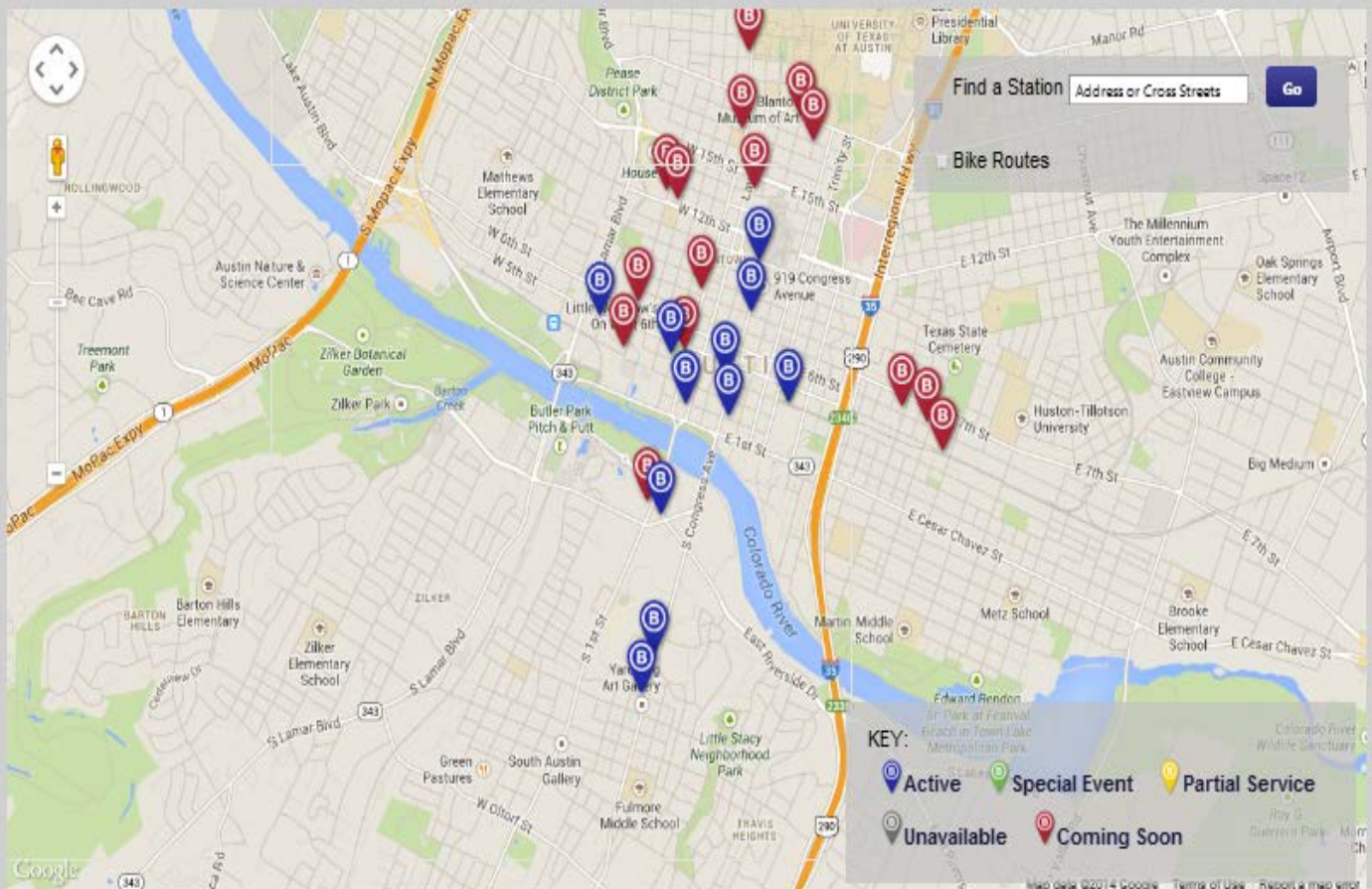
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MEMORANDUM

Date: 12.12.2013

To: Design Commissioners

From: Landscape and Infrastructure Workgroup

Re: Items for review and discussion with Design Commission on December 16th, 2013

Proposed questions for City Departments:

1. What city codes govern your work?
2. What components of those codes can be considered obstructions to you achieving integration?
3. What Criteria Manuals do you use and have developed?
4. In what ways can the Infrastructure Design Guidelines (IDG) be integrated into you Criteria Manuals?
5. What departments do you regularly collaborate with?
6. What is the process you implement when collaborating with other city departments?
7. What else do we need to know in order to craft critical parts that refer to developing infrastructure projects?
8. What have we overlooked in regards to codes, criteria manuals and interdepartmental collaboration?
9. How do you include community outreach in your projects?
10. What are your expectations in regards to working with the Design Commission?
11. What critical components of your jurisdiction related to performance should be included in the IDG?
12. What criteria do you use to determine what projects should come to the Design Commission?



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