



BOARD/COMMISSION/ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Recommendation Number: 20141013-02; Seton Aerial Walkway

WHEREAS, the Austin Mayors Committee for People with Disabilities serves as an advisory body to the city council and city manager regarding issues affecting persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, when the new Seton Medical Center at the University of Texas (SMC-UT) at Austin replaces the outdated safety net hospital facility University Medical Center Brackenridge (UMCB), Seton will own and operate the new facility in collaboration with Central Health and the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2014, the Committee discussed support of Seton Healthcare Family's request for an aerial walkway across 15th Street at the new Seton Medical Center at The University of Texas (SMC-UT); and

WHEREAS, this aerial walkway will provide the safest and most accessible way for patients, doctors and staff to travel between the existing University Medical Center Brackenridge (UMCB) parking garage and the new teaching hospital; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 2, 2014 the City Council authorized the Travis County Hospital District and The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for the aerial encroachment of right-of-way by a pedestrian bridge at 601 East 15th Street, by a vote of 7-0; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities wishes to extend its appreciation to the Austin City Council for support of an aerial walkway to provide patients, family members, doctors and other staff a means of safe, efficient travel between the existing parking garage and the new teaching hospital.

Date of Approval: October 13, 2014

Record of vote: 6-1 (One abstention)

Attest: _____

Dolores González