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# Red River Canopy Walk

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Open Space, Environmental & Sustainability Cmte.

Austin Transportation Department

June 24, 2015



# Project Information

Project Name	Red River Canopy Walk
Parkland Affected by Project	Waller Creek Greenbelt (City of Austin Lot 5, Block 10)
Area of Parkland Needed for Permanent Use	0.049 acres (2,115 sq.ft.)
Area of Parkland Needed for Temporary Use	0.2028 acres (8,832 sq.ft.)

## Request

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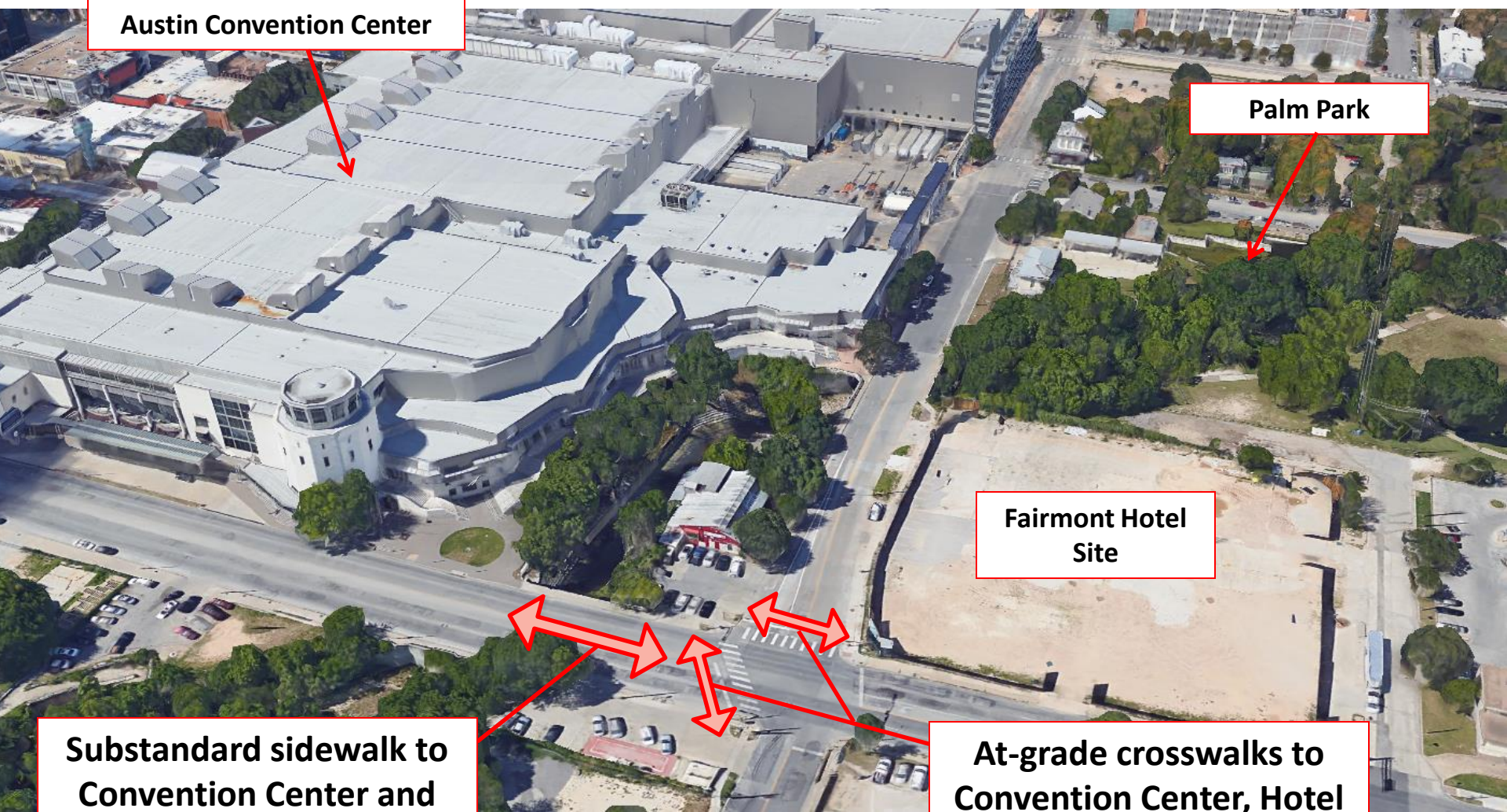
**Austin Convention Center**

**Palm Park**

**Fairmont Hotel  
Site**

**Substandard sidewalk to  
Convention Center and  
Hotel**

**At-grade crosswalks to  
Convention Center, Hotel  
and Lady Bird Lake**





**Austin Convention Center**

An aerial photograph of the Austin Convention Center, a large white building with a curved roof and a circular tower. The image shows the building's layout, surrounding streets, and green spaces. Green arrows indicate transit routes: one from the convention center to a street intersection, another from the intersection to a parking lot, and a third from the parking lot to a road. A red arrow points from a label to the convention center. A green box contains text about an ADA accessible path. A red box labels Palm Park. A green box describes above-grade access. A green box describes at-grade and below-grade connections.

**ADA accessible path to  
Convention Center, Red  
River ROW, and Waller  
Creek**

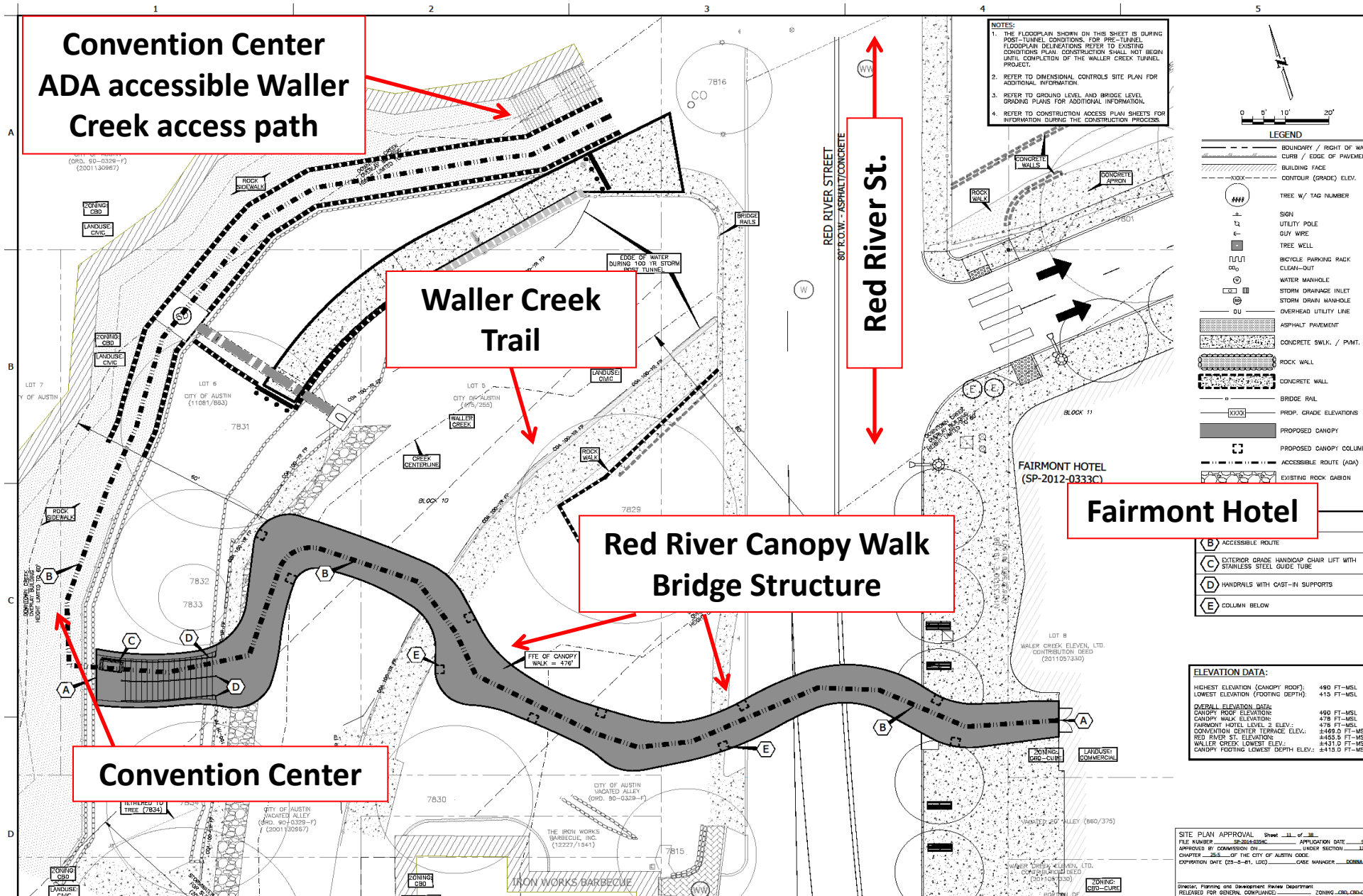
**Palm Park**

**Fairmont Hotel  
Site**

**At-grade connection to  
Cesar Chavez; below-  
grade connection to  
Waller Creek and Lady  
Bird Lake**

**Above-grade access to  
Convention Center and  
Fairmont Hotel**

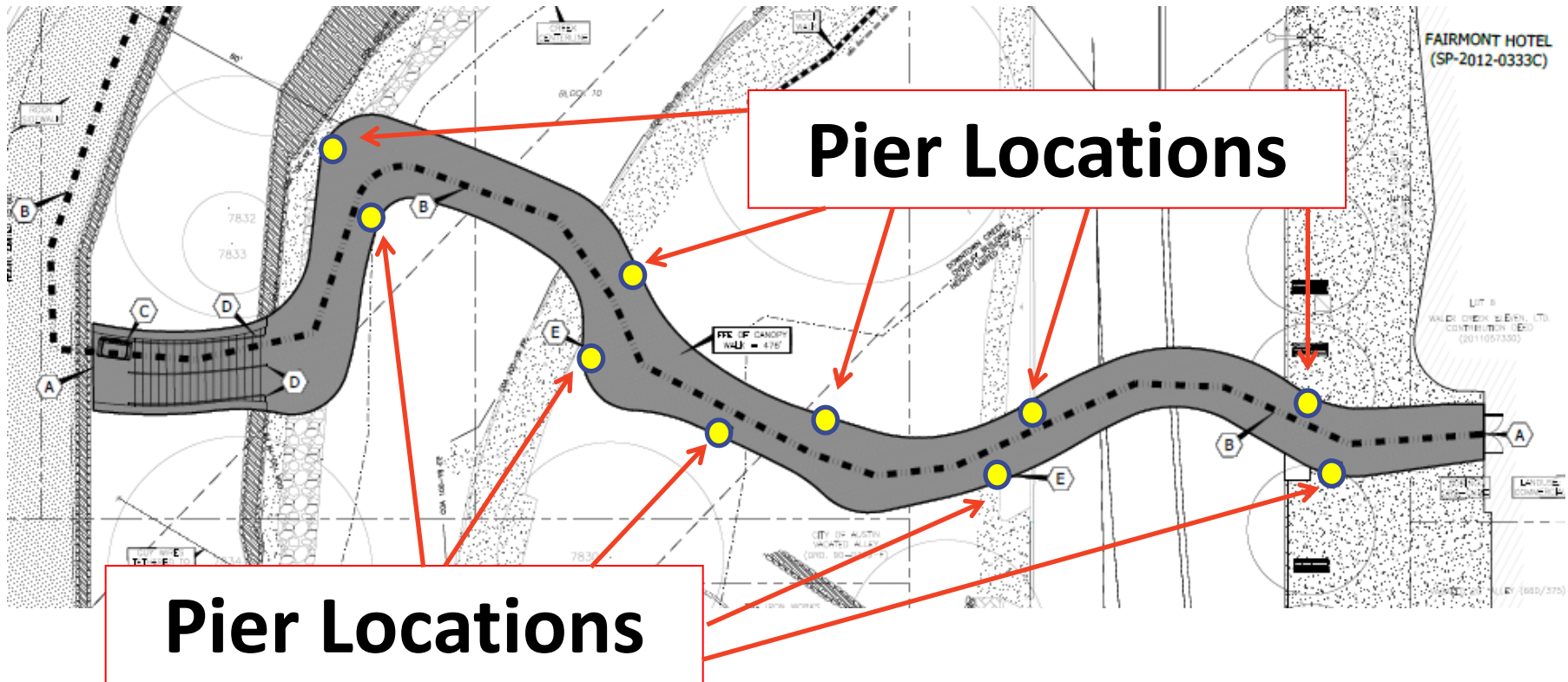
# Canopy Walk Diagram





# Chapter 26: Request

Permanent Use of Parkland: .049 acres (2,115 sq. ft.)











# Chapter 26: Mitigation

- Estimated Value of Parkland Utilized:  
Pending Third Party Appraisal
- Proposed Mitigation Fee:  
On-Going Negotiations

Questions?



# Chapter 26: Purpose & Need

- Purpose of Project:

*The temporary and permanent use of parkland for an elevated pedestrian walk to improve access and connectivity to the public greenbelt and civic buildings.*

- Public Use:

*Pedestrian and ADA accessible access to City of Austin parkland, Convention Center, and safe passage to public rights-of-way.*

# Texas Parks & Wildlife Code – Chapter 26

Chapter 26, Section 26.001 states:

- *A [city] department... may not approve any program or project that requires the use or taking of any public land designated and used... as a park, recreation area, scientific area, wildlife refuge, or historic site... unless [it is determined that]:*
  - *There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use or take of such land; and*
  - *The program or project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the land, as a park, recreation area, scientific area, wildlife refuge, or historic site, resulting from the use or taking.*



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