



City of Austin Urban Trails: Bond Oversight Committee

April 20, 2016



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What is an Urban Trail?



Goals of Urban Trail Program:

1. Easy **access** to transportation + recreation users from all parts of the City.
2. **Connect** to on-street bicycle + sidewalk networks.
3. **Adequate width** to accommodate transportation + recreation users.
4. Include **trail amenities/features** that create unique greenways.
5. **Adequate funding** and resources to **maintain + operate**.
6. **Context-sensitive, environmentally sustainable, preservation + improvement upon wildlife habitat.**

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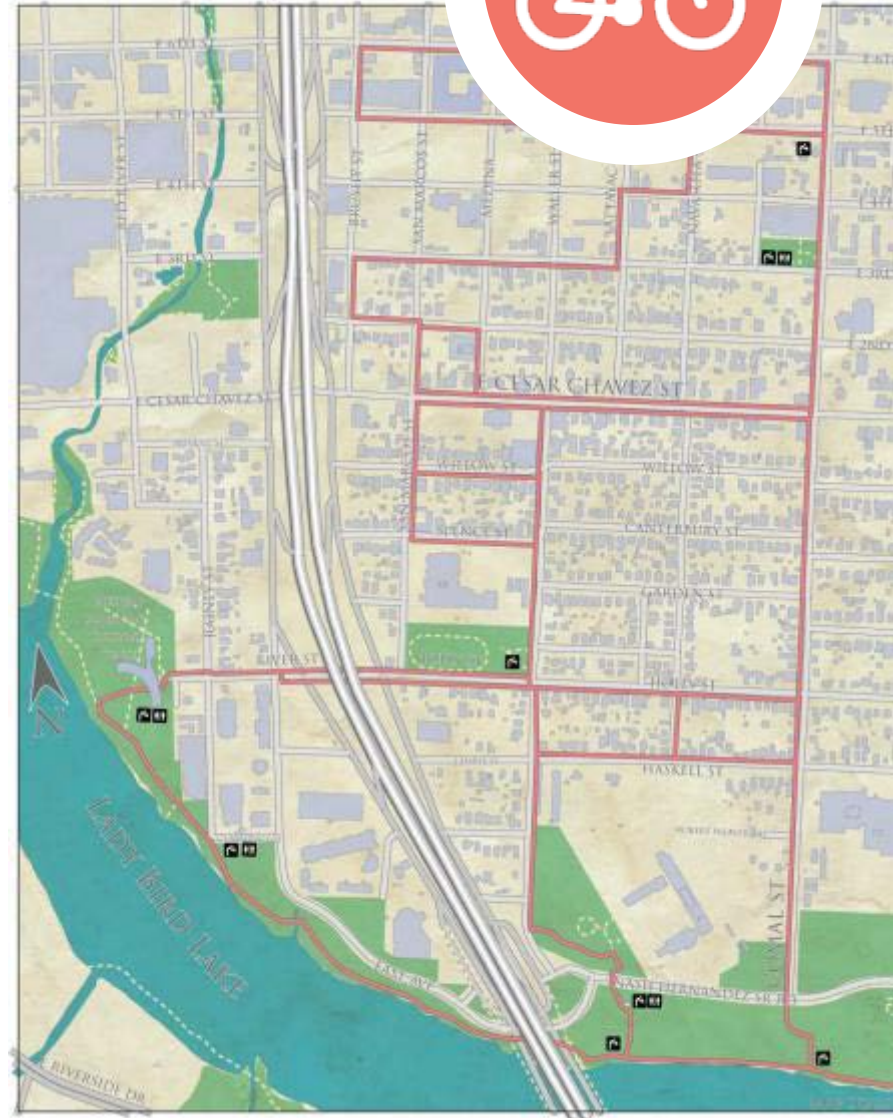
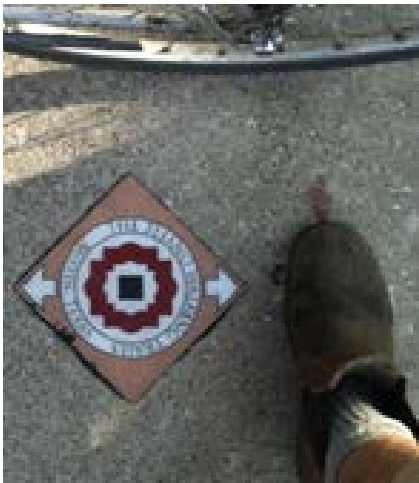
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Accomplishments



Tejano Walking Trail

- 5-mile trail includes sidewalks, streets without sidewalks, and the Butler trail.
- Designated National Recreational Trail
- Highlights historical + cultural points of interest.
- Implements East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan (1999).
- 65 wayfinding tiles installed on sidewalks.
- 11 iZone signs installed near historical and cultural markers.



Accomplishments



Southern Walnut Creek Trail Signs

- 13 Wayfinding Signs
- 16 Mile Marker Signs
- Interdepartmental (PDR, PWD, PARD, APD, AFD, EMS) effort.
- New standard for urban trail wayfinding.
- 3 kiosks purchased for wayfinding and informational purposes.
- Installation at Govalle Park Trailhead, the Austin Tennis Center Trailhead, and the YMCA Trailhead.



Wayfinding signs
13 locations



Mile marker signs
16 locations

Accomplishments



Southern Walnut Creek & Austin to Manor Trail Maintenance

- Re-constructed approximately 100 feet of trail.
- Repaired erosion and stability issues at 5+ unique locations.
- Quickly constructed the repairs with minimal closures and phased construction for weekend use
- Preventative maintenance work preemptively protected trail from recent rains.



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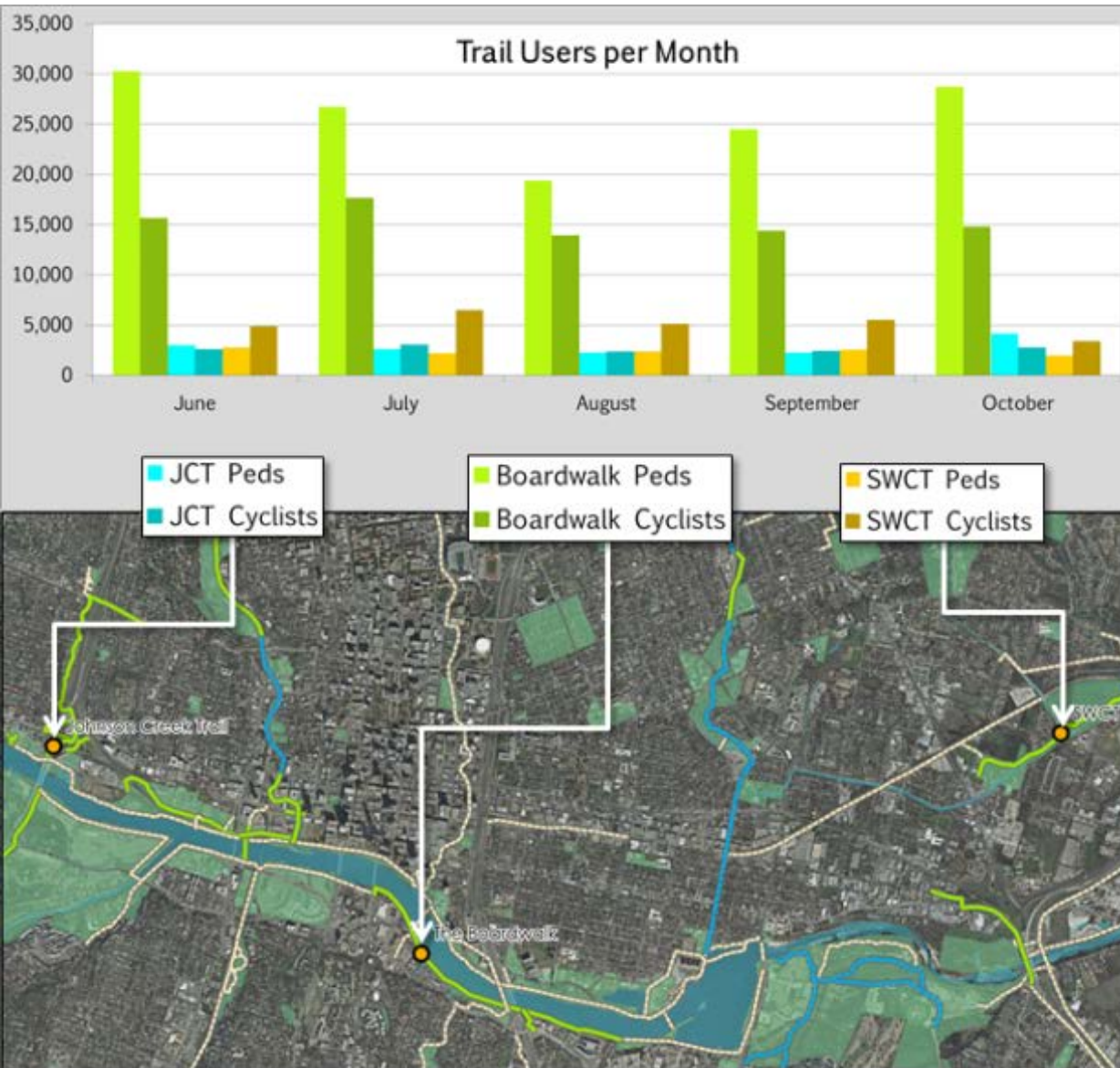
Trail Counters

- 4 permanent counters
- 1 temporary counter

Permanent Counter Stats

4 counters combined:

- 524,654 trail users since Jan 1, 2016
- Average of 4,700 trail users per day
- 70% pedestrian, 30% cyclist usage

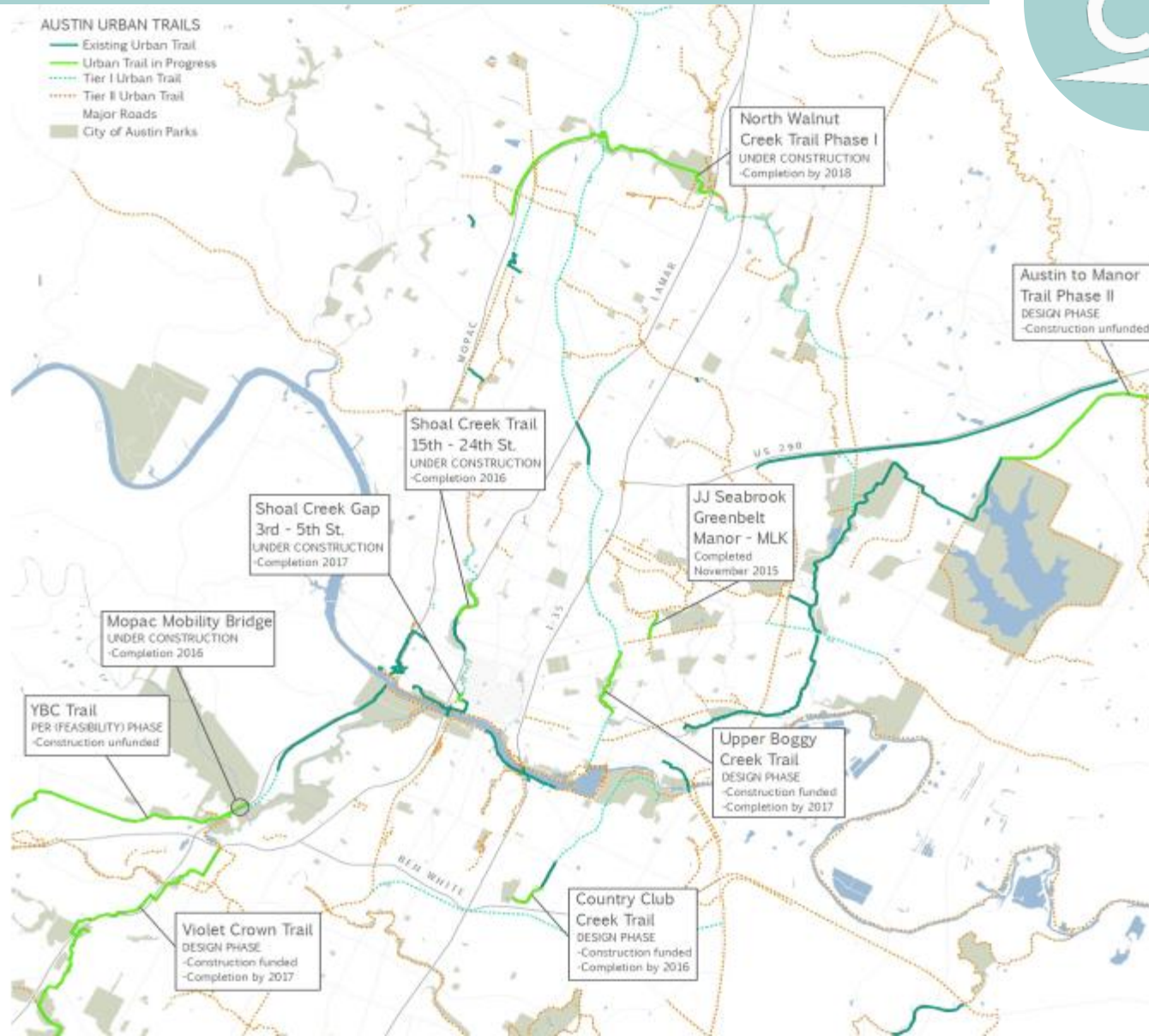


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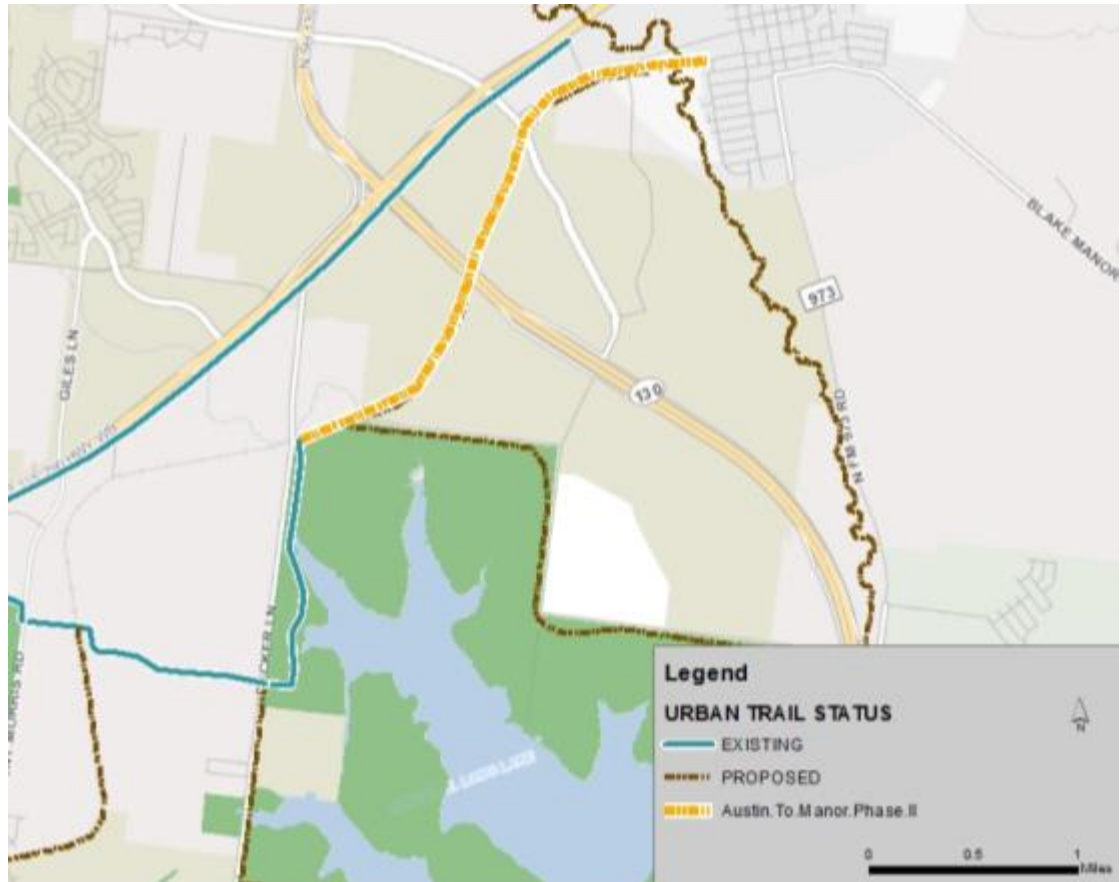


Active Projects



Austin to Manor Trail Phase II

Status	Developing 90% Design
Length	2.7 Mile
Projected Completion	Construction currently unfunded.
Estimated Total Project Cost	Estimated construction cost \$6m

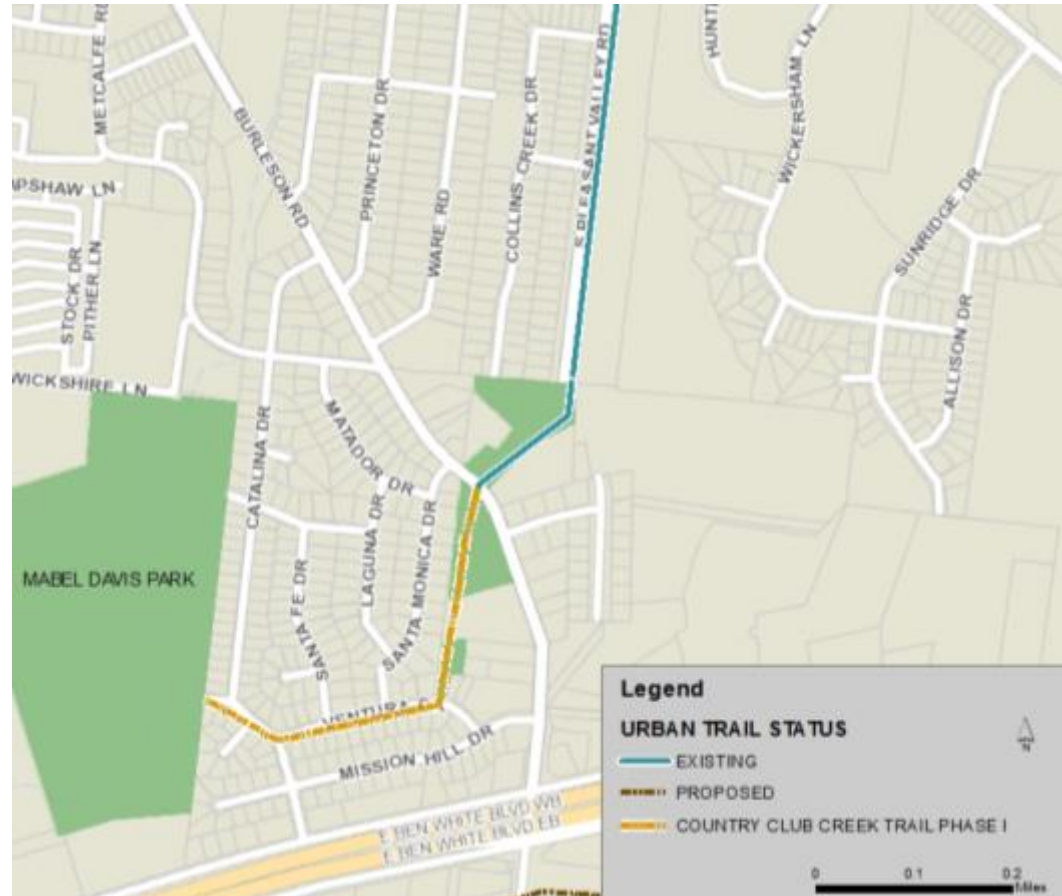


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Country Club Creek Trail Phase I

Status	Developing 90% Design
Length	0.25 Mile
Projected Completion	Summer 2016
Estimated Total Project Cost	Estimated construction cost \$415k



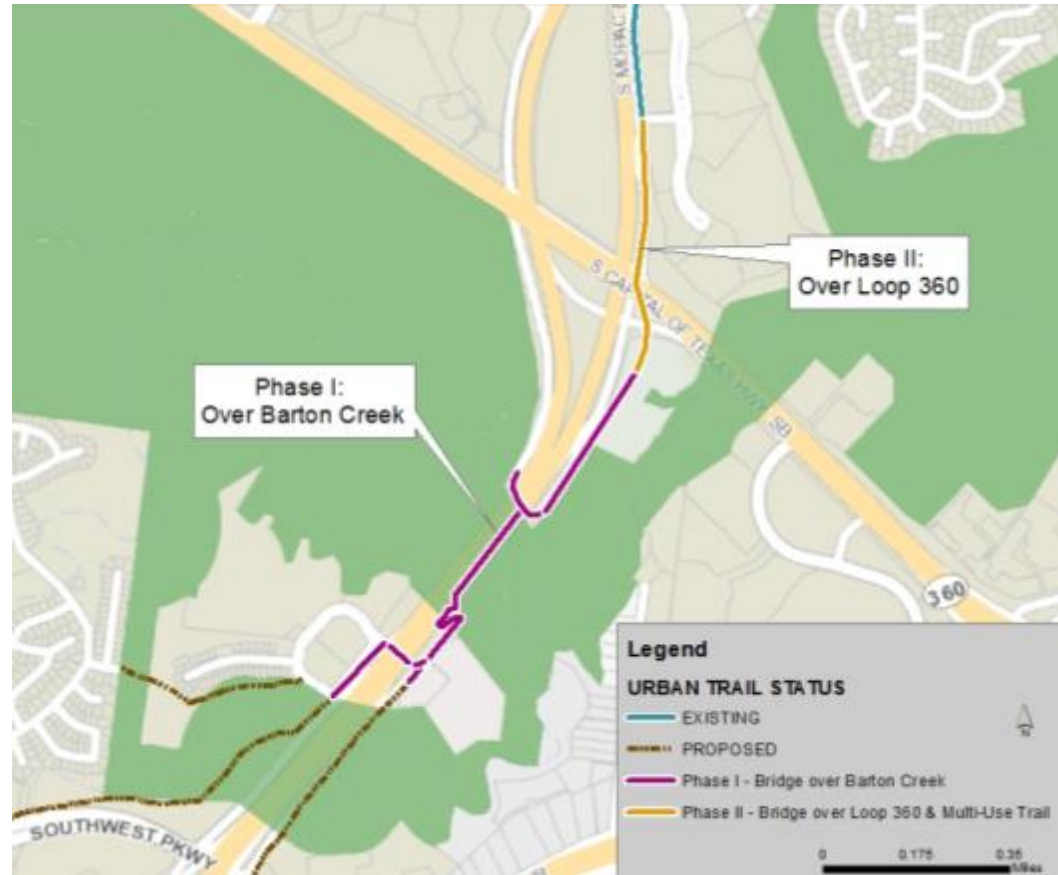
Looking northeast from Burleson Road. Existing trail along electric transmission easement.

Active Projects



Mopac Mobility Bridges

Status	Construction
Length	1 Mile
Projected Completion	Phase I – April 2016, Phase II - July 2016
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$14 M



Active Projects



Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase I

Status	Construction
Length	3.6 Mile
Projected Completion	Fall 2017
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$10 M



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Shoal Creek Trail: Gap Project 3rd to 5th Street

Status	Construction
Length	0.12 Mile
Projected Completion	January 2017
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$6.8 M



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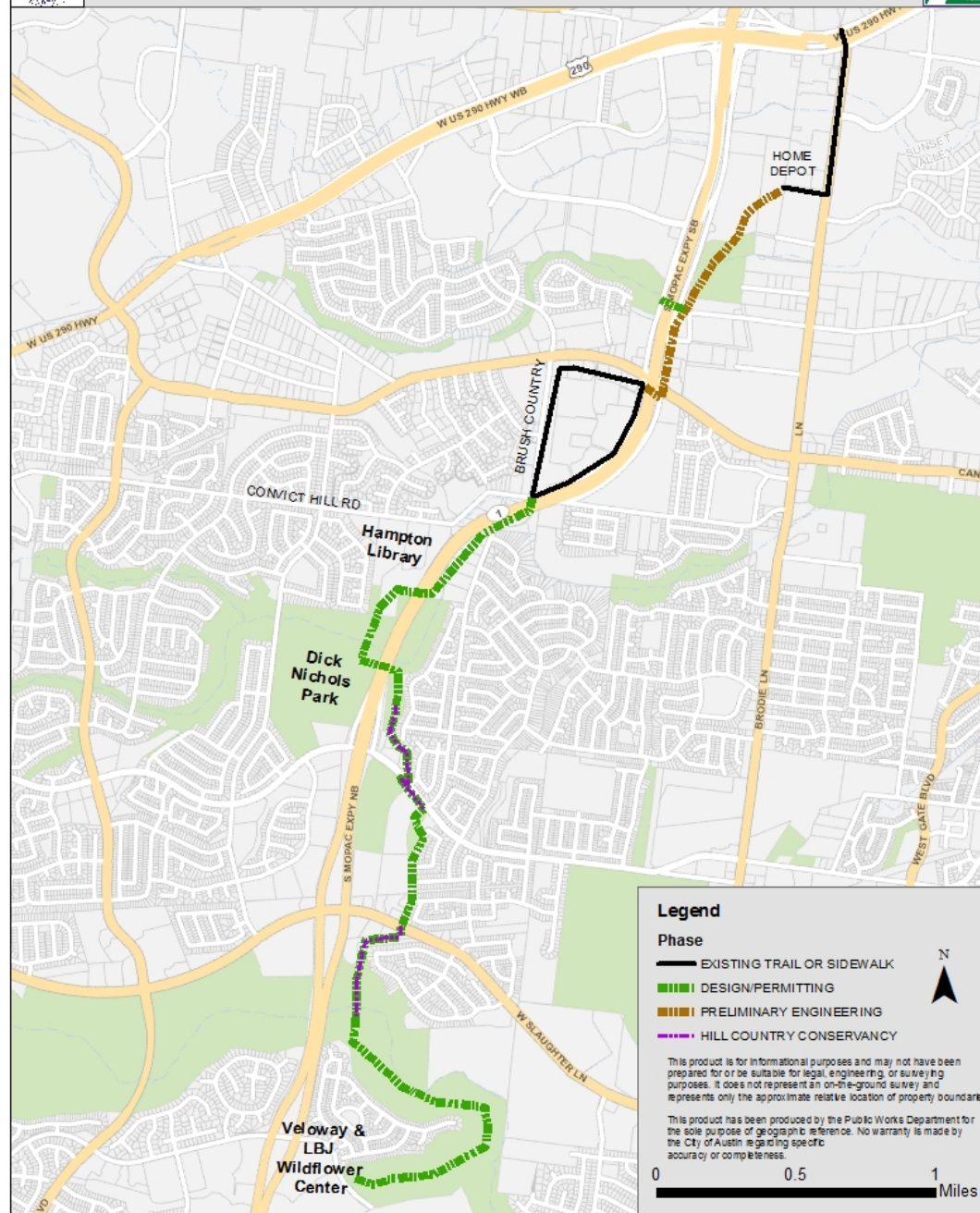
Upper Boggy Creek Trail: MLK Station to 12th Street.

Status	Design
Length	0.4 Mile
Projected Completion	December 2017
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$2.2M





VIOLET CROWN TRAIL

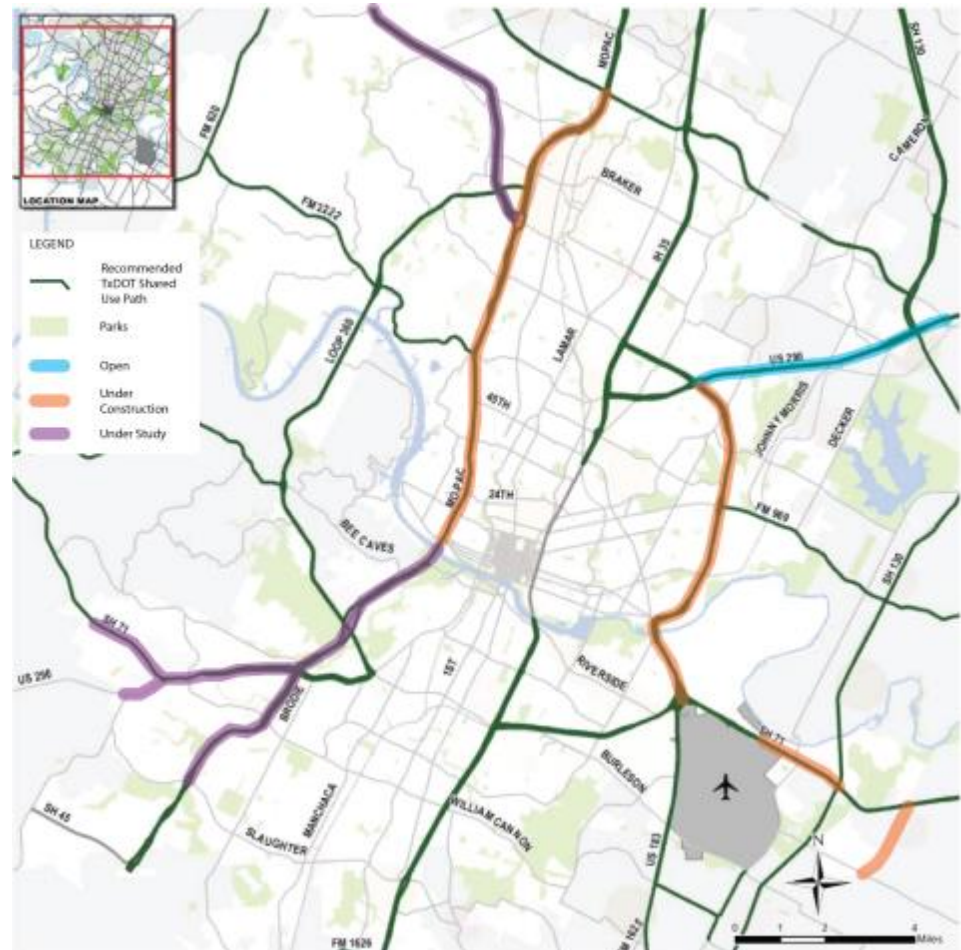


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CTRMA - Shared Use Paths

OPEN TO TRAFFIC		Miles
Manor Expressway	US 183 interchange to Parmer Lane	5.6
UNDER CONSTRUCTION		
MoPac	Parmer Ln. to Loop 360	3
Bergstrom Expressway	US 290 to SH 71	8
SH 71 Express	Bergstrom Expressway to Onion Creek Greenway	4.5
UNDER STUDY		
MoPac South	Lacrosse Ave to Lady Bird Lake	9
Oak Hill Parkway	US 290: MoPac - Circle Drive	5.3
	SH 71: US 290 - Silvermine	1.2
183 North	SH 45N to MoPac	7.6



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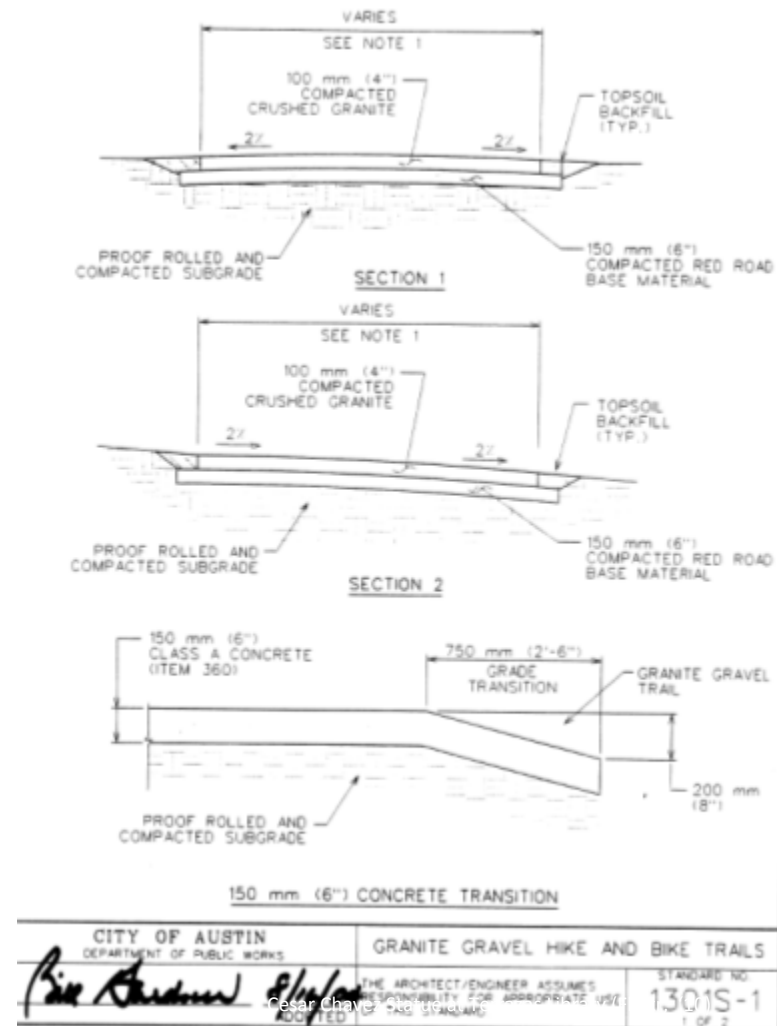


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Standard Details and Specifications

- Work with Engineering Services Division to create and launch new Urban Trail specific Standard Details and Specifications.
- Continue participation with PWD/ATD Transportation Criteria Manual revision to include urban trails in volumes I and II.



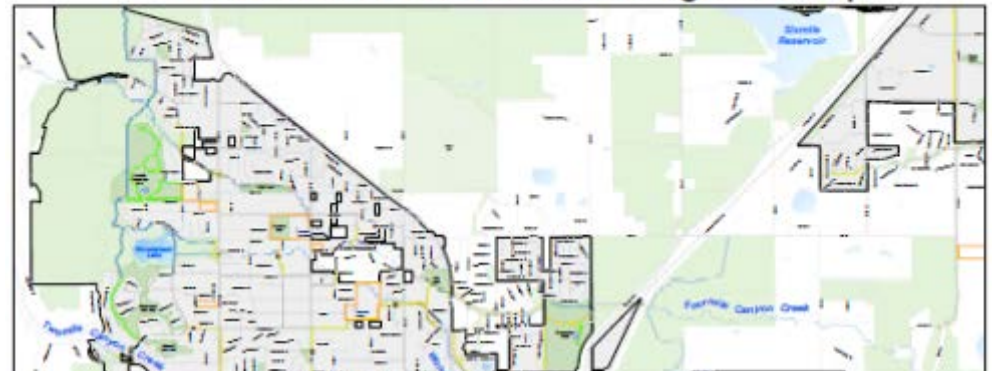
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Citywide MOU and Maintenance Map

- Identifies responsible parties for various segments of all trails within COA
- Boulder, CO example

City of Boulder
Multi-Use Path Maintenance Management Map



Trail Management Agency

- Management Undetermined Multi-Use Path
- City of Boulder Transportation Maintenance (303) 413-7162
- Parks Department (303) 441-7200
- Open Space & Mountain Parks
County (303) 678-6200 City (303) 441-4495
- Boulder County Transportation (303) 441-3900
- University of Colorado (303) 492-5522
- Private Party
- School District (720) 561-3765

- Bridge
- Overpass
- Underpass

Urban Drainage & Flood Control District (Natural areas not shown)

- Debris
- Mowing
- Mowing and Debris
- Creek
- Intermittent Creek
- Ditch
- Lateral Ditch

- Rest Area
- Restroom
- Water Drinking Fountain

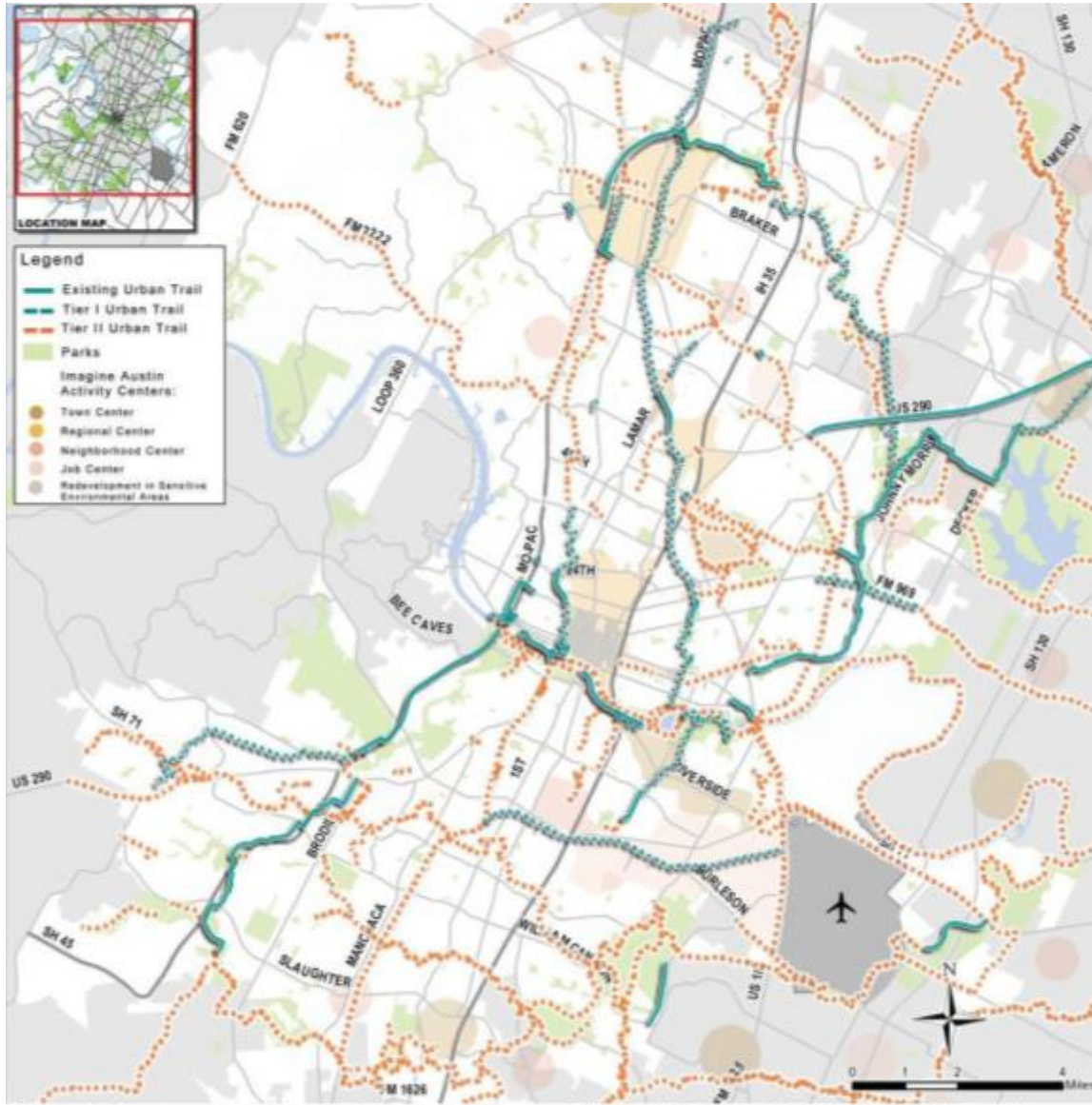
- Public School
- School Property Boundary
- Semi-Public Land
- City Park
- Open Space
- On Street Bike System
- Street
- Lake

Next Steps



Build Urban Trails Network

- Continue working interdepartmentally to identify opportunities for build-out.
- Continue working with community groups and neighborhoods to identify new trail connection opportunities.
- Prepare for future funding opportunities (bond, grant, foundation, etc.)



Questions?



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THANK YOU!

