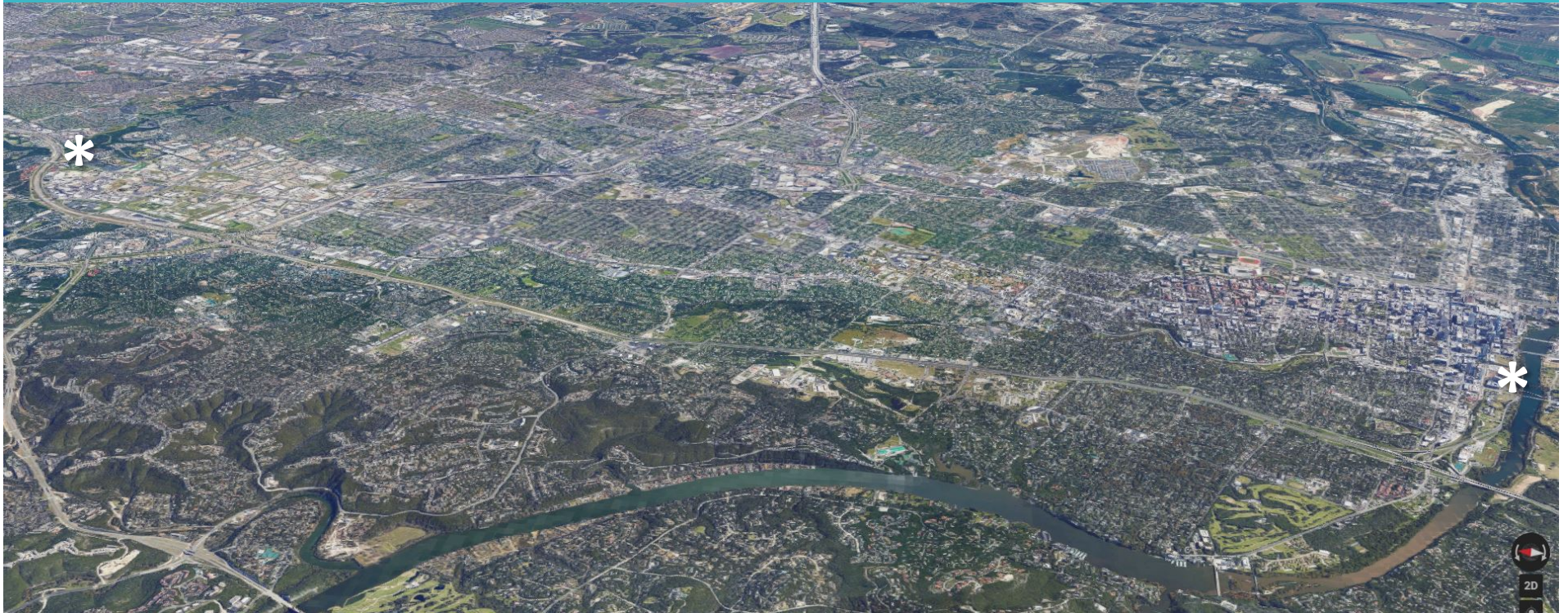


# Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan *Project & November Community Workshop Summary*

Presentation to the COA Parks Board, December 2017



# Consultant Team & Project Partners



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**Shoal Creek Conservancy**

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**Historical & Cultural Interpreter: Ted Eubanks, Fermata Inc.**

**Community Advisory & Technical Advisory Group Members**

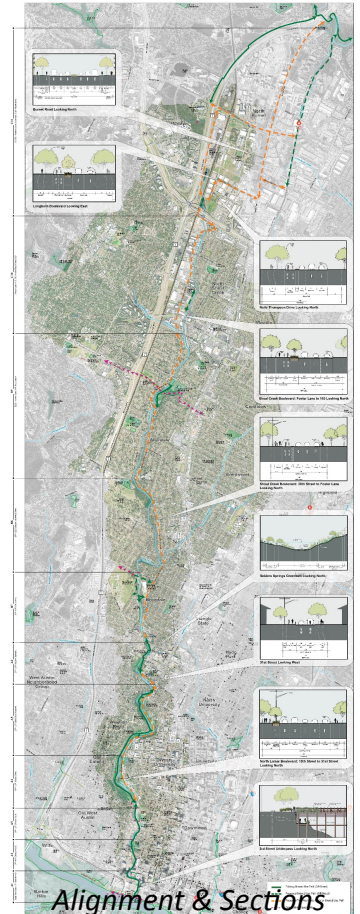
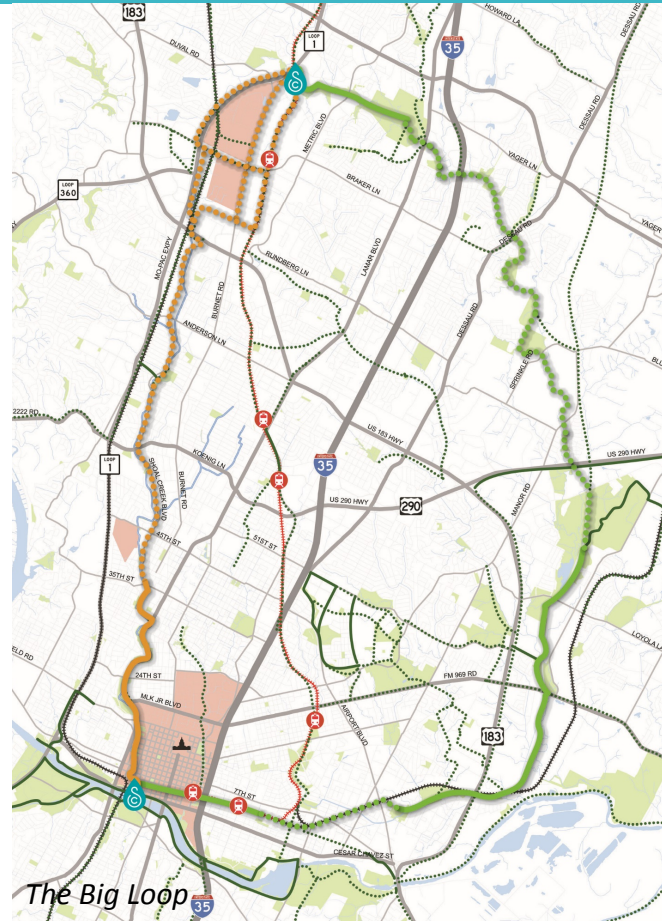




# Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan

The Goal: Create a master plan for improving, connecting and extending the Shoal Creek Trail for education, recreation, transportation in a way that builds on its natural and historic character.

Once completed, the Shoal Creek Trail will tie into a trail loop around the city, 30 miles in length, that will connect east, west north and central Austin.



## project timeline: spring 2017 to spring 2018

### **TAG MEETINGS**

- June 7, 2017
- August 30, 2017
- November 1, 2017

### **CAG MEETINGS**

- June 14, 2017
- September 6, 2017
- November 8, 2017

### **COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS**

- June 21, 2017
- September 13, 2017
- November 15, 2017

**Public Comment Period – November 15 to December 15, 2017**

**Final Draft Plan Shared – January /February 2018**

**Boards, Commissions & City Council Presentations – Early 2018**

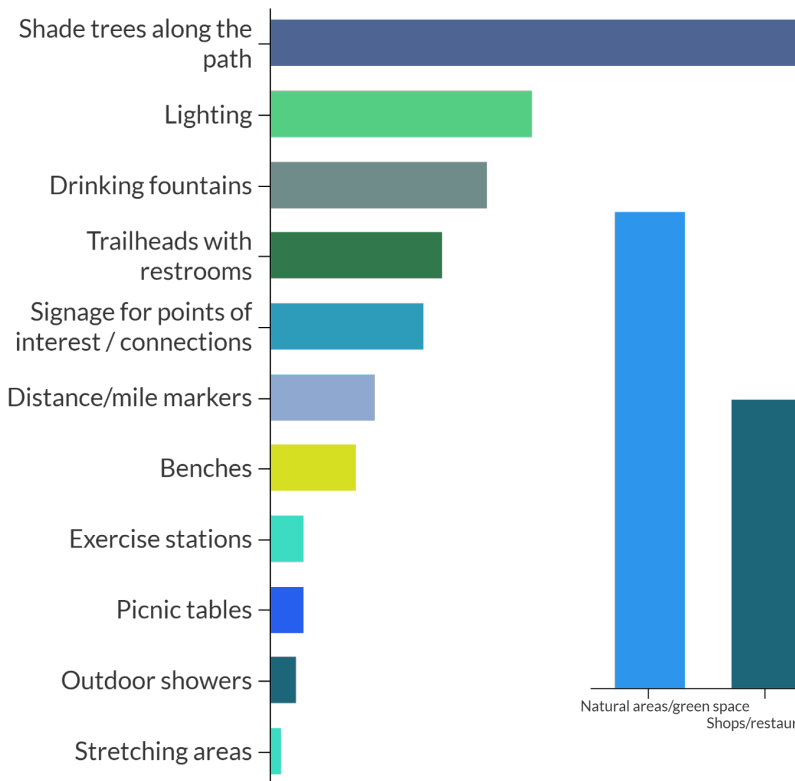
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# Initial Health Survey Results



## Desired Amenities for a Pathway

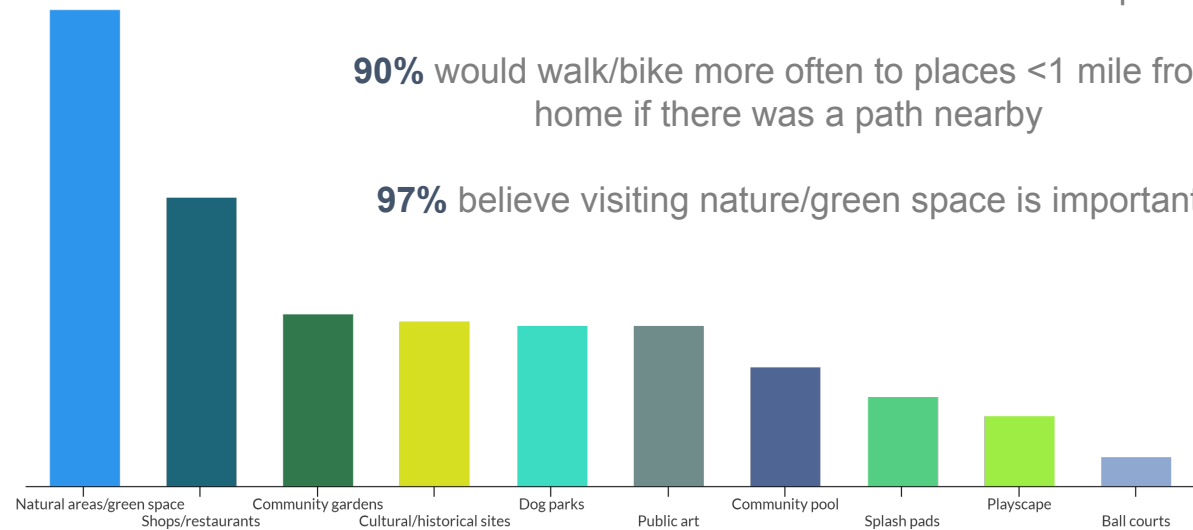


**96%** support a biking/walking pathway along Shoal Creek Corridor

**86%** would walk/bike more if there was a safe path

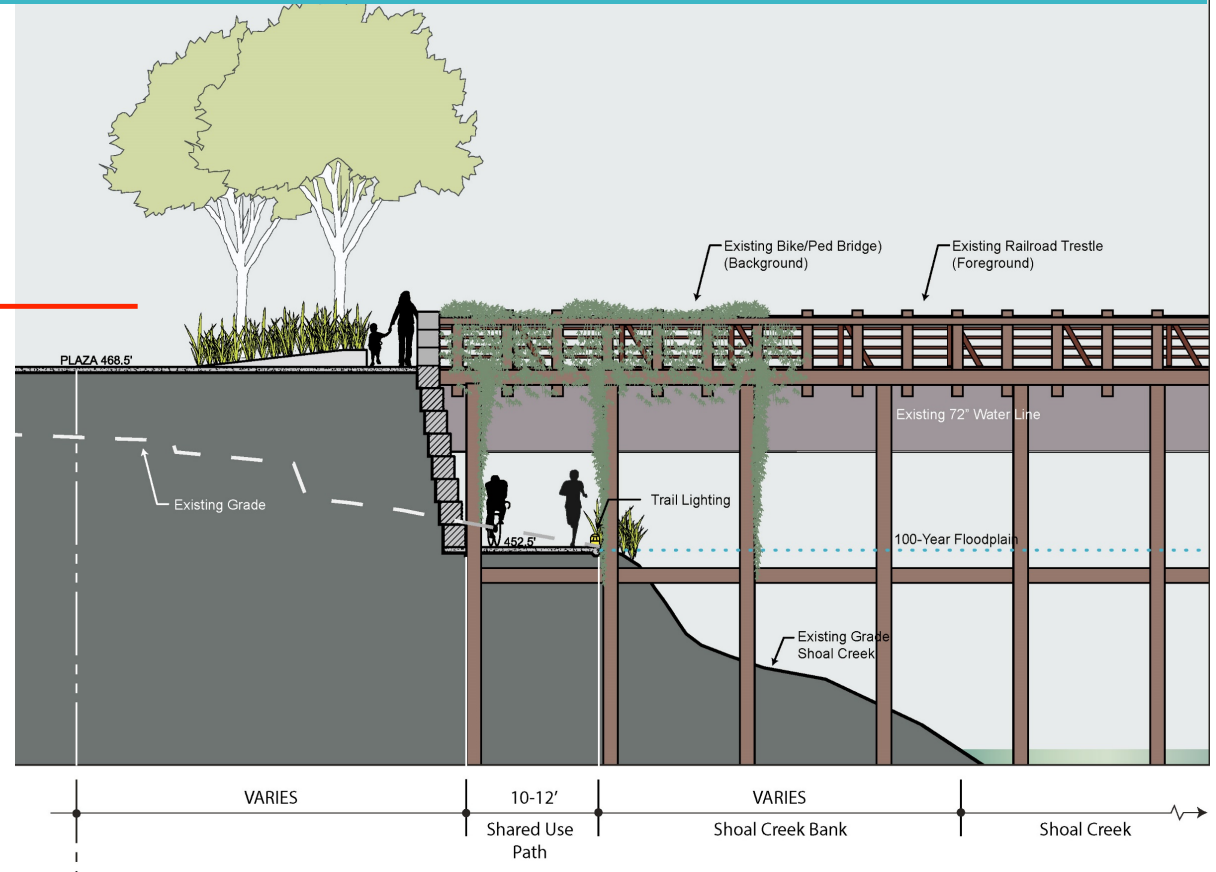
**90%** would walk/bike more often to places <1 mile from home if there was a path nearby

**97%** believe visiting nature/green space is important

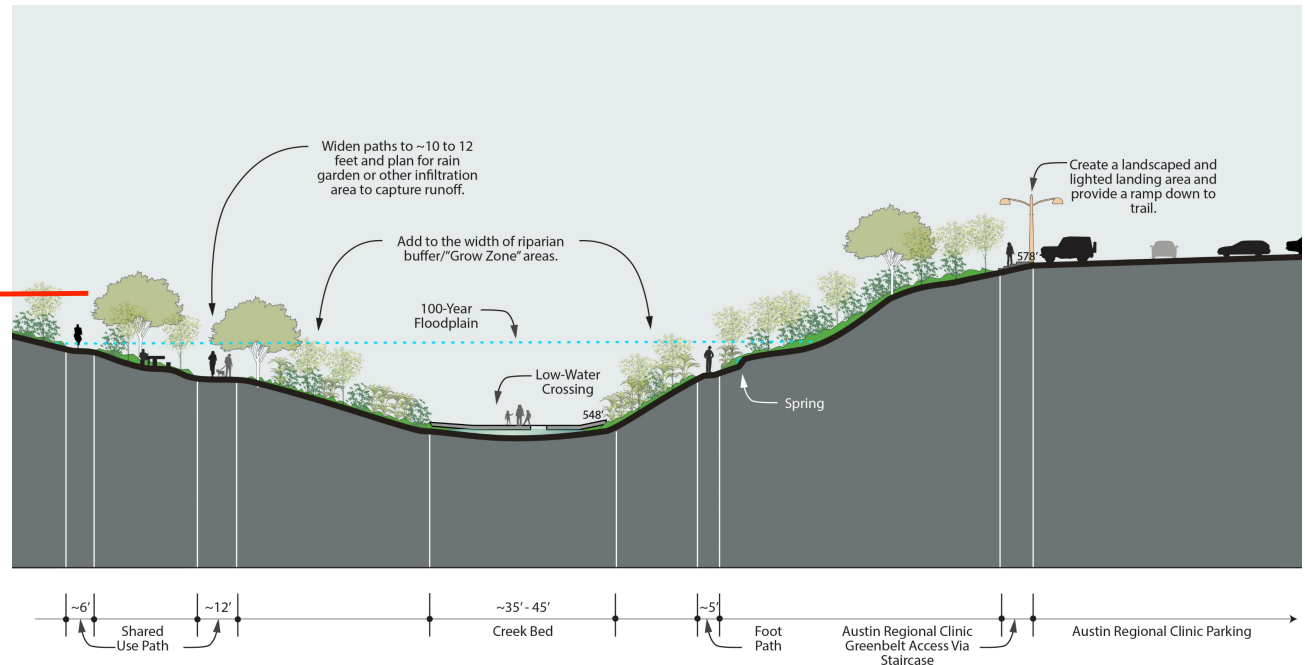


## Desired Features Along or Near a Pathway

# cypress & shoal focus area #1

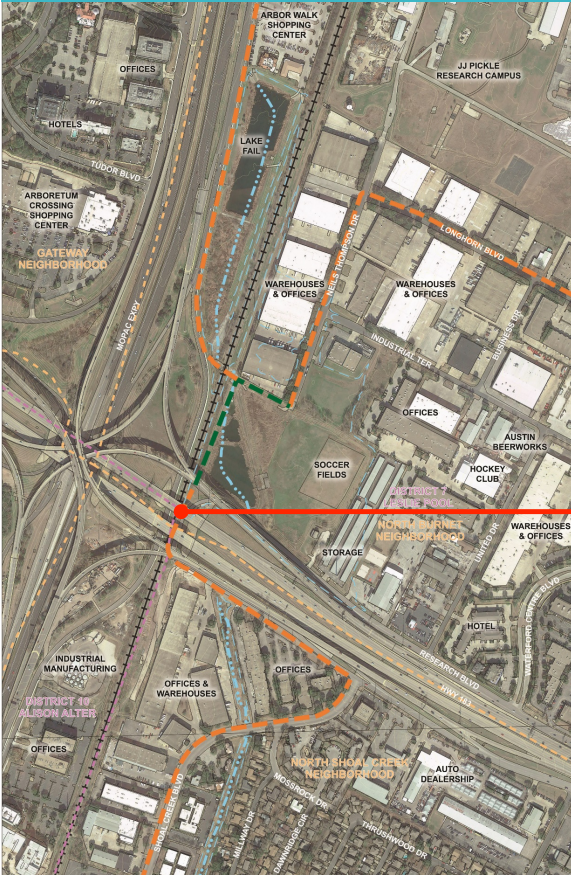


# seiders' springs focus area #3





# 183 & MoPac focus area #4



The CTRMA will soon construct an urban trail to connect Shoal Creek Blvd to the north, crossing under 183 toward existing detention ponds and adjacent soccer fields, that will allow several links northward:

- northwest to Arbor Walk Shopping Center, & to Far West Blvd connecting, then connecting areas west of MoPac;
- north to Pickle Research Campus, via Neils Thompson Dr & Longhorn Blvd;
- northeast to Burnet Road, Braker Lane and the Kramer Station of CMTA's RedLine; and
- farther north to connect to the Northern Walnut Creek Greenway Trail.

## setting key priorities

### recommended project “types” for the near-term

**GAPS**: Close the major “gaps” of the main spine to ensure a safe, accessible and continuous, 13-mile pathway.

**SMALL \$ - BIG BANG**: Implement those smaller cost projects that make a big difference.

**LEVERAGING**: Partner with adjacent, planned public and private project owners to make desired improvements.

**ENHANCED WAY-FINDING**: Announce and celebrate the entire 13-mile pathway system, through branding, way-finding signage and historic/cultural interpretation.



## setting key priorities

# recommended individual project design criteria

Plan, design, construct and maintain projects to meet the Shoal Creek Vision to Action Plan's guiding principles and goals, its routing and cross-sections, and its design and management guidelines – while also incorporating and updating community and stakeholder input.



1. **HISTORY & CULTURE:** Tell the stories: interpret and celebrate this area's unique history and culture in a way that's informative and engaging to diverse communities.



2. **NATURAL RESOURCES & ECOLOGY:** Identify and integrate best practices in environmental stewardship, sustainability and resiliency.



3. **CONNECTIVITY & COMMUNITY ACCESS:** Increase connectivity and comfort for people of all ages and abilities who are walking, biking and/or taking transit.



4. **SAFETY, HEALTH & WELL-BEING:** Create a safe pathway system that makes being active the fun, easy and daily choice.



5. **ACTIVITIES & RECREATION:** Enhance access to and opportunities for recreation, education, social activities, and community events, as well as a place of beauty, calm and refuge.

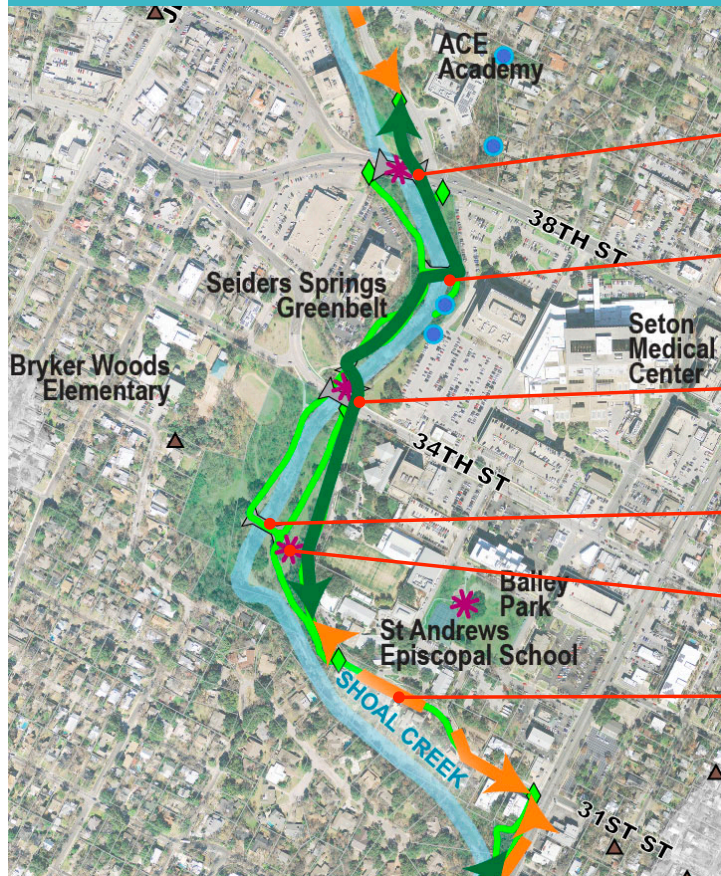


6. **ADVOCACY & IMPLEMENTATION:** Collaborate with the public, private and non-profit sectors to implement the Shoal Creek Vision to Action Plan in a timely way, and put in place a program to sustain the Corridor.



# 5 priority projects:

## A6: 31<sup>st</sup> to 38<sup>th</sup> St (Seiders' Springs)



**SAFETY GAP:** ENHANCE SAFETY, LIGHTING & REFUGE SPACE @ PED CROSSING @ 38<sup>TH</sup> ST.

**SAFETY GAP:** CONSTRUCT BIKE/PED BRIDGE TO REPLACE EXTG, LOW-WATER CROSSING WHICH IS UNSAFE FOR BOTH BIKES & PEDS.

**SMALL \$:** IMPROVE PED CROSSING @ 34<sup>TH</sup> ST WITH BETTER LIGHTING, PED HYBRID BEACON, SPEED TABLE, ETC.

**SAFETY GAP:** CONSTRUCT BIKE/PED BRIDGE AT "ROCK-HOP".

**SMALL \$:** RESTORE WOOD GAZEBO FOR SMALL, REVENUE-GENERATING EVENTS.

**GAP:** RESTRIPE W 31<sup>ST</sup> ST TO CREATE AN URBAN TRAIL WITHIN EXTG ROAD. PROVIDE CRITICAL WAY-FINDING AT LAMAR BLVD & 31<sup>ST</sup> ST.





# 1 priority project + cont'd Shoal Creek Blvd project: B8: 45<sup>th</sup> to 2222 (Rosewood & Allandale Neighborhoods)



**SAFETY GAP: CONSTRUCT UNDERCROSSING AT ALLANDALE RD.**

**SMALL \$: STRIPE FOR 2-WAY CYCLE TRACK ON WEST SIDE OF EXTG ROADWAY, CREATING SPACE FOR FUTURE RAINGARDENS. (PLANNED IN CITY'S BICYCLE MASTER PLAN)**



# Thank You & Questions

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