



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Urban Transportation Commission

Recommendation Number 201803075A: Bringing Equity Through Hike and Bike Trail in E. MLK Region

WHEREAS, under Recommendation Number 20170711-5B “Bringing Equity Through Hike and Bike Trail in E. MLK Region” – Urban Transportation Commission has already urged the city council to

1. Expedite the building of the La Loma Trail
2. Explore the building of the hike and bike trail through Morris Williams Golf Course
3. Increase the priority of the trail through Little Walnut Creek Park from Tier 2 to Tier 1
4. Create a Connectivity to Springdale Park through south-side from Fort Branch
5. Bring companies like Austin B cycle to EMLK area to facilitate bike trail

WHEREAS, much of the routes proposed in EMLK Hike and Bike Trail are already part of the Bicycle Master Plan or Austin Trails Master plan. Eastlink Bicycle Plan already exists north of Mueller Development. Complementing the “Eastlink” plan with EMLK bicycle route in the southside creates one of the largest comprehensive bike map pervasive though out East Austin.

WHEREAS, Austin City Council has passed resolution to rezone all the land parcels within the Little Walnut Creek Park as “p” (public). This will ensure that PARD can develop the park though PARD does not have funding for any master plan. This is a 207 Acre park which is under PARD from 2002 and has not been opened to the public. EMLK Planning Contact Team and PSSNA (Pecan Spring Springdale Neighborhood Association) is working with several federal and private organization like National Park Foundation, Asakura Robinson to get a master plan done.

WHEREAS, EMLK neighborhoods have collected more than \$10000 (Ten thousand) for master planning of the Little Walnut Creek Nature Reserve and already received 2 grants from National Park Foundation and Asakura Robinson to move forward with the masterplan of the Little Walnut Creek Nature Reserve .

WHEREAS, Public Works department has started the feasibility study of the La Loma trail near the Red Bluff area - there is currently no fund to build the trail. Safely connecting eastern crescent neighborhoods of Austin to quality schools, parks, and open space by accessible and active transportation is not just a quality of life issue, but also an equity issue we must stay committed to achieving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Urban Transportation Commission encourages the Austin City Council to allocate 2018 bond funds to the above-mentioned projects and explore all available means so that projects mentioned below can be accomplished. UTC urges the city council to allocate the following 2018 bond money for the projects

1. The La Loma Trail - \$2 million
2. Hike and bike trail through Morris Williams Golf Course - \$1 million
3. Little Walnut Creek Nature Reserve - \$ 2 million
4. Connectivity to Springdale Park - \$500,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission encourages the Austin City Council to allocate funds and explore all available means in order expedite the EMLK Hike and Bike Trail

Date of Approval: _____

Attest: _____

(Staff or board member can sign)