

July 18, 1996

Capital Metro Board of Directors
2910 E. 5th St.
Austin, TX 78702

Dear Board Members:

At yesterday's board meeting Mr. LeRoy Click of the Travis County Department of Transportation and Natural Resources asked that you consider a proposal advanced by Travis County Commissioner Karen Sonleitner (Pct. 2) to participate in a joint use Park and Ride facility at the county's Springbrook Soccer Complex.

The Greater Austin Soccer Coalition, which represents the interests of 20,000+ adult and youth soccer players, fully and enthusiastically endorses this creative public policy initiative, and asks that you support it as well.

A meteoric rise in the number of youth and adult soccer players has surpassed the number of servicable playing venues for residents of the Austin area and Travis County. This situation will only worsen with time, since today's youth players will be tomorrow's adult players with playing children of their own.

We believe that Commissioner Sonleitner has correctly characterized her proposal as a win-win situation in which Capital Metro would secure a long term Park and Ride location in an expanding service area, the county's budget dollars for the Springbrook Soccer Complex would stretch far enough to ensure construction of all nine fields, and the soccer playing community of Austin and Travis County would, at long last, have a new set of fields.

We also believe that your participation in such a joint use venture would generate an enormous amount of goodwill for Capital Metro within the soccer-playing community.

If you ultimately approve a joint use agreement at Springbrook Soccer Complex, the Greater Austin Soccer Coalition would like to work with you to plan and design a Park and Ride service from a central Austin site to the Springbrook Complex, and perhaps for other high use soccer venues (Zilker Park, Circle C) as well.

Please give Commissioner Sonleitner's proposal serious consideration. We hope that you can partner with the County in this important piece of public service.

Sincerely,

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