




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Bruce Mills, Interim Assistant City Manager 

DATE: April 20, 2023

SUBJECT: **Staff Update: Interim Pedestrian Safety Plan for Rainey Street Historic District**

This memorandum is an update on Resolution [20230413-077](#) where the City Manager is directed to provide an interim pedestrian safety plan for the Rainey Street Historic District and provide a report to Council regarding the status of this directive by April 20, 2023.

A [memorandum](#) from March 7, 2023, outlined the immediate temporary infrastructure installation which serves as the interim pedestrian safety plan. Since March 7th the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) has installed temporary solar lighting, a temporary fence barrier, a gate at top of steps to lake access, installed signage, increased park ranger patrols and conducted multiple site visits to monitor light reliability. PARC, in collaboration with The Trail Conservancy, hired a consultant group to draft recommendations for permanent infrastructure safety improvements and hosted a nighttime consultant group trail walk inclusive of Austin Police Department (APD) representatives on April 17th. Additionally, a request for payment of overtime hours for Park Rangers has been approved by Human Resources to assist in providing more frequent patrols in the area.

The direction to place EMS personnel at the Rainey Street Trailhead is currently being explored. A staff update will be provided by May 8, 2023.

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact Elise Renshaw by email at elise.renshaw@austintexas.gov.

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