



2015 STATE OF THE URBAN TRAILS

Accomplishments, Active
Projects, and Next Steps



Agenda



- What is an Urban Trail?
- Accomplishments
- Active Projects
- Next Steps

What is an Urban Trail?



Goals of Urban Trail Program:

1. Provide easy **access** to both transportation and recreation users from all parts of the City.
2. **Connect** to the on-street bicycle and sidewalk network around them.
3. Ensure **adequately sized** to accommodate both recreation and transportation uses.
4. Incorporate **trail amenities** and features that transform from a paved surface to unique greenways that reflect the City around them.
5. Provide **adequate funding** and resources to **maintain** and **operate**.
6. Ensure that all are **context-sensitive** and **environmentally sustainable** as well as **preserve and improve upon wildlife** habitat.

Accomplishments

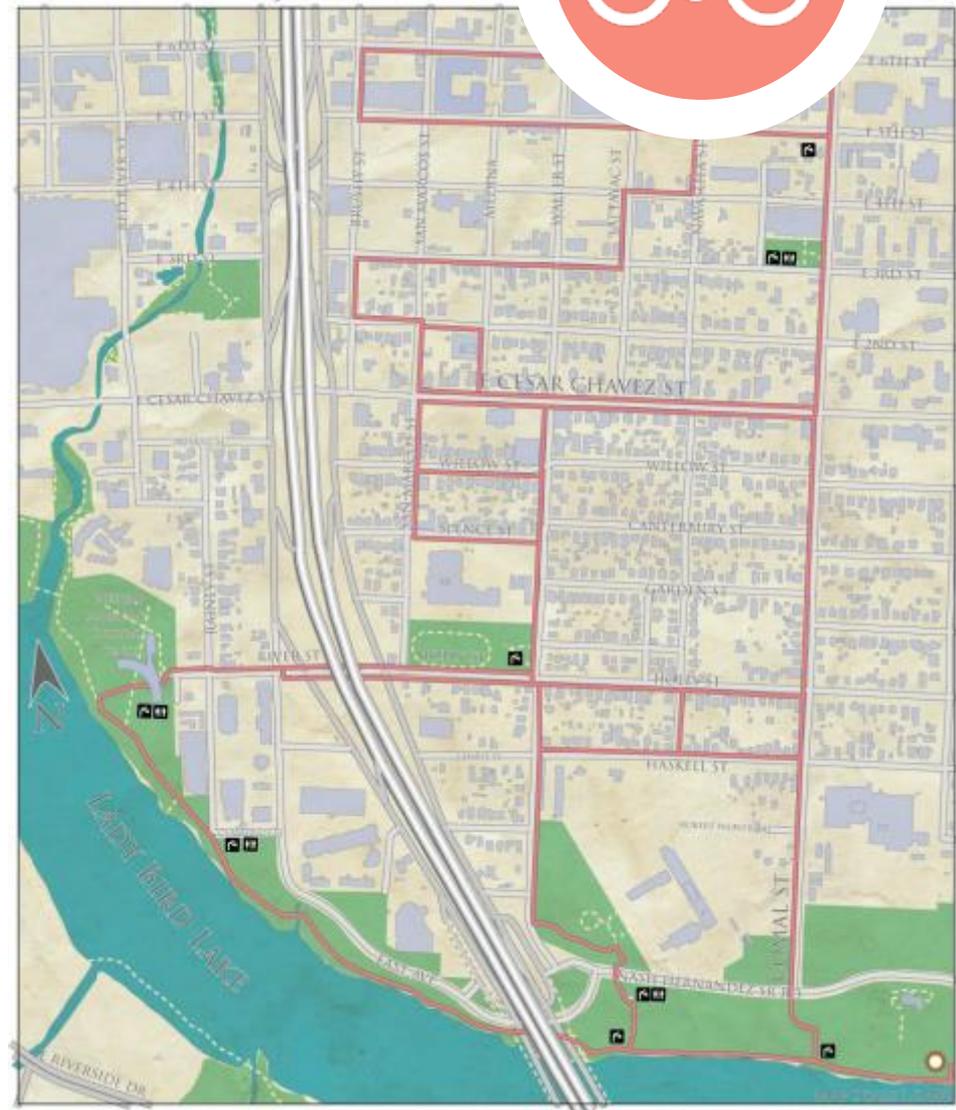


Tejano Walking Trail

- 5-mile trail includes sidewalks, streets without sidewalks, and the Butler trail.
- Designated National Recreational Trail
- Highlights historical and cultural points of interest.
- Implements the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan (1999).



Floyd McGown House (Flickr, '10)

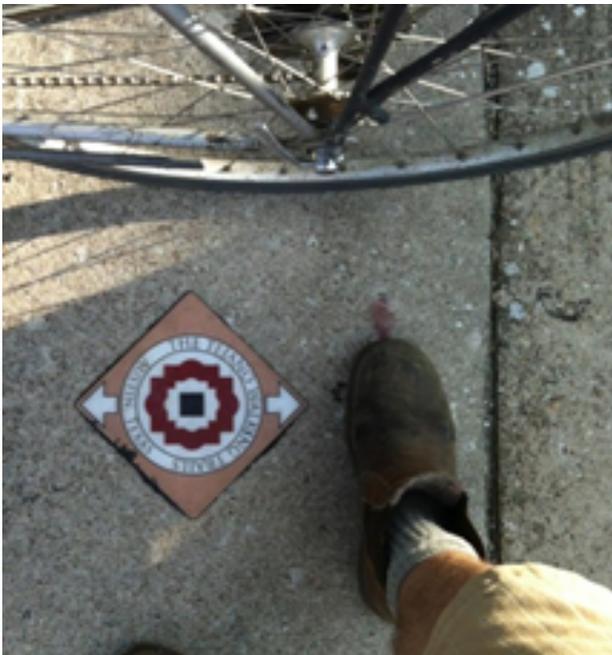


Accomplishments



Tejano Walking Trail

- 65 wayfinding tiles installed on sidewalks.
- 11 iZone signs installed near historical and cultural markers.

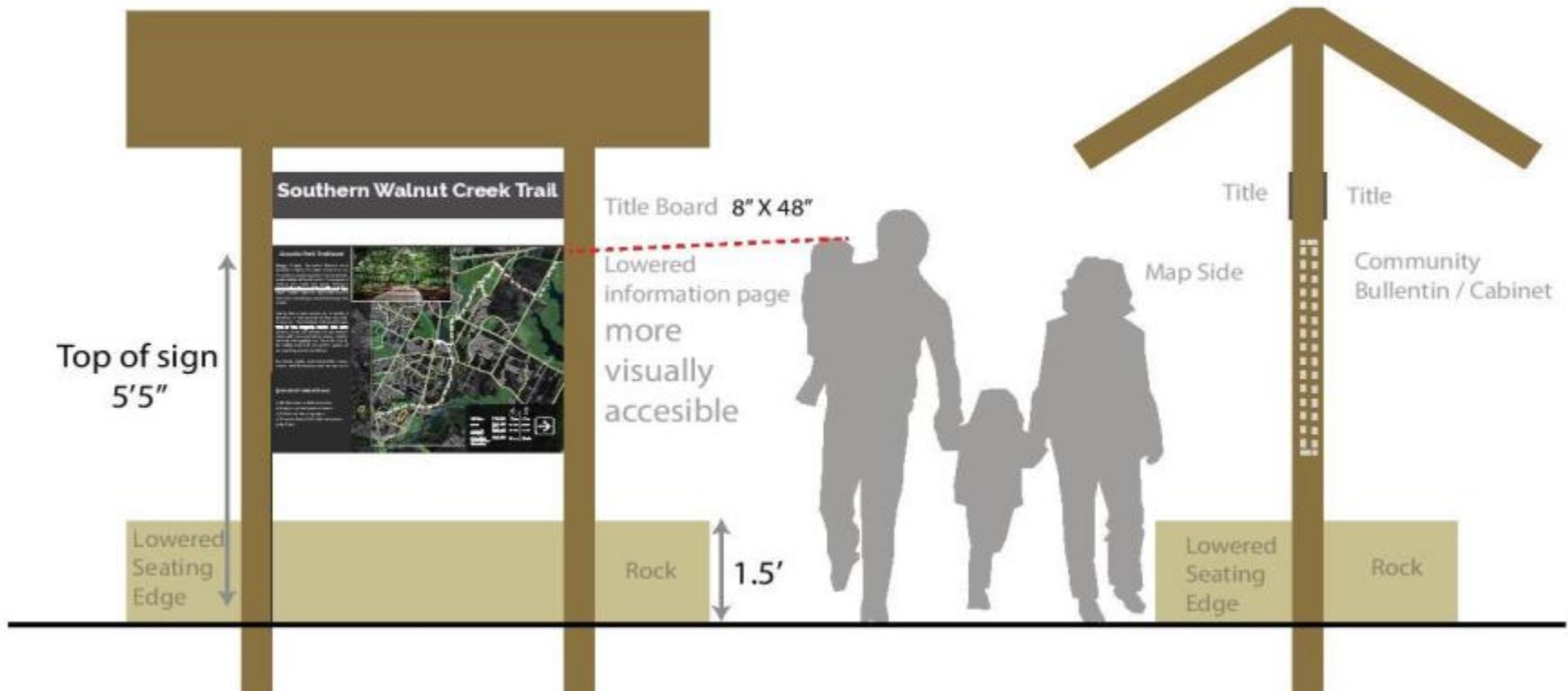


Accomplishments



Southern Walnut Creek Trail Kiosks

- 3 kiosks purchased for wayfinding and informational purposes.
- Installation to occur this winter at the Govalle Park Trailhead, the Austin Tennis Center Trailhead, and the YMCA Trailhead.

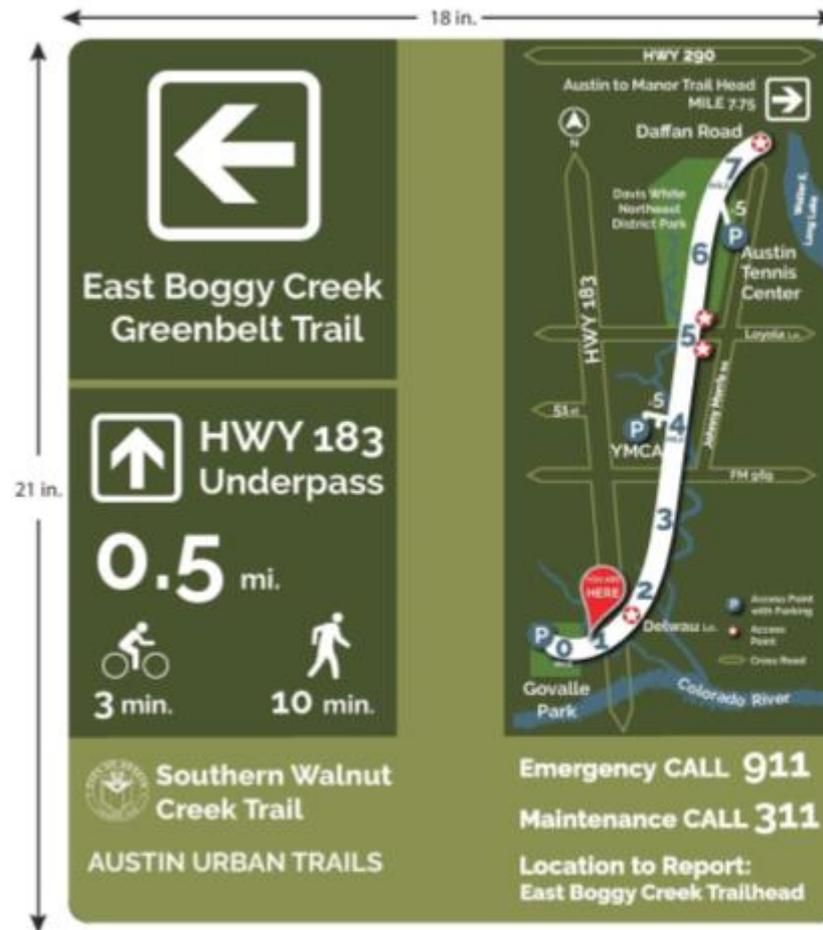


Accomplishments



Southern Walnut Creek Trail Signs

- 13 Wayfinding Signs
- 16 Mile Marker Signs
- Installation to occur this winter.
- Worked interdepartmentally (PDR, PWD, PARD, APD, AFD, EMS) to approve design.
- Design will become standard for future urban trail wayfinding.



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.



Accomplishments

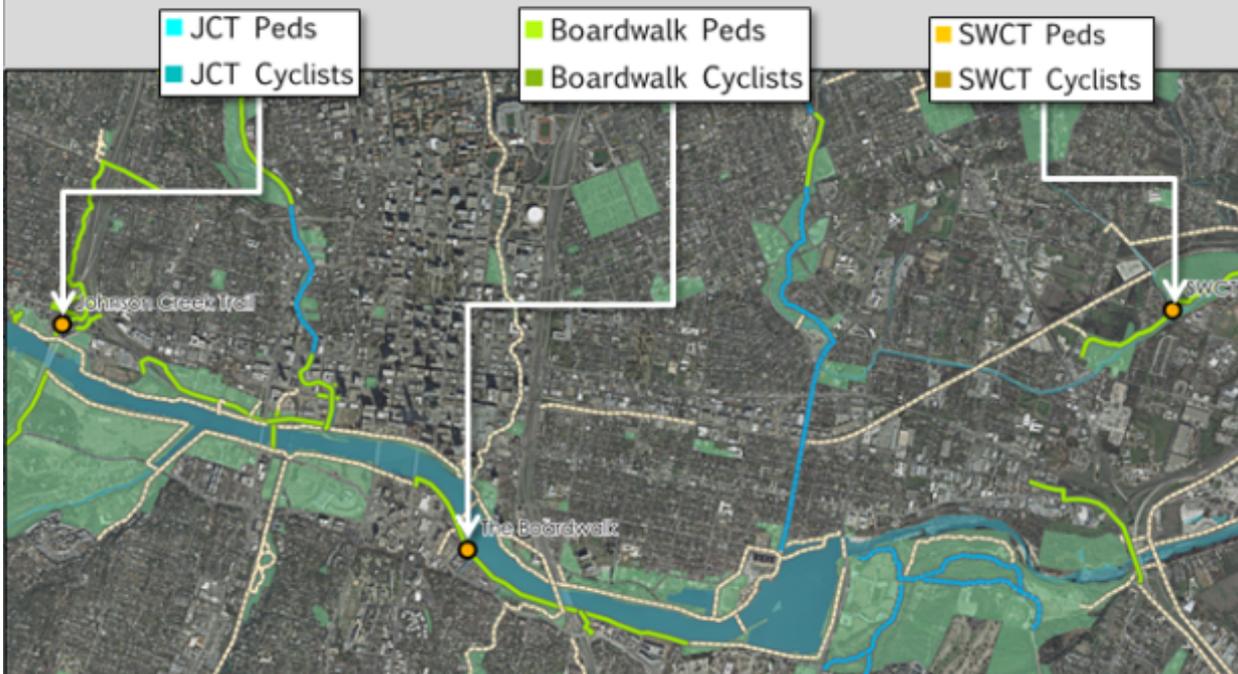
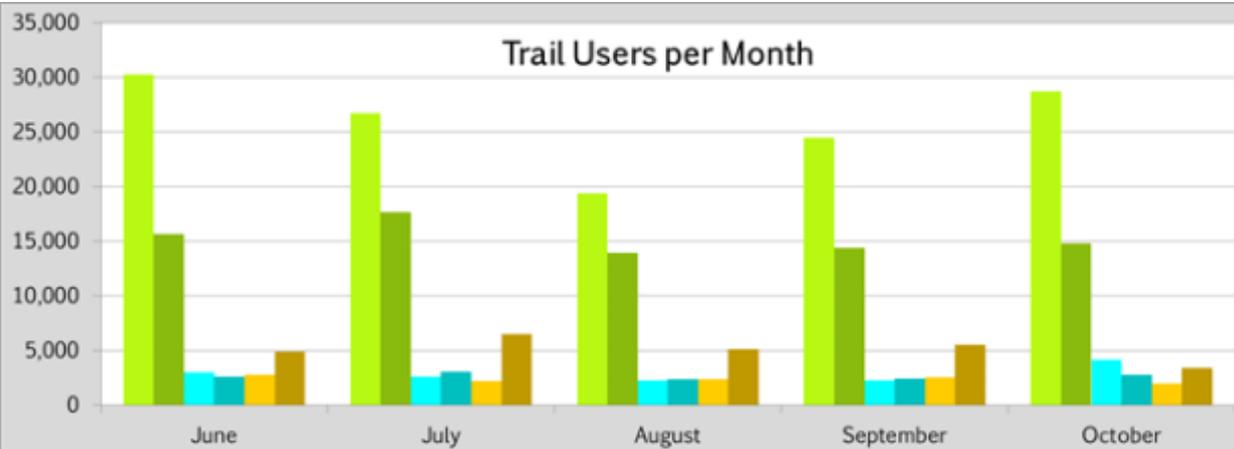


Trail Counters

- 3 permanent counters (1 additional permanent counter to be installed December 2015)
- 1 temporary counter

Permanent Counter Stats

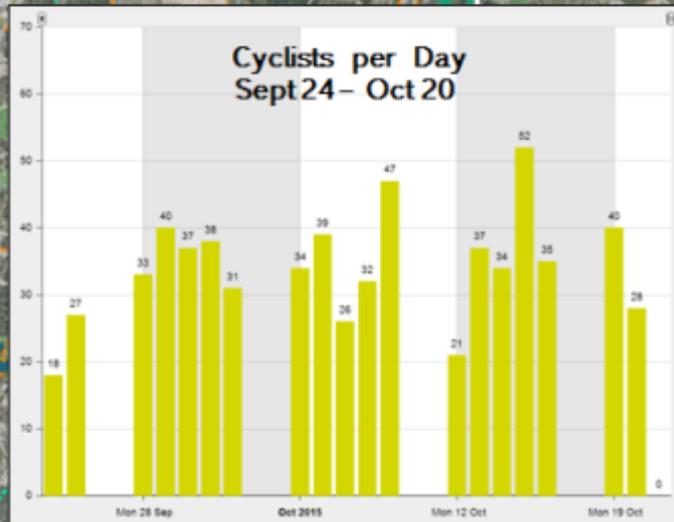
- (3 counters combined):
 - 27,432 trail users since June 1
 - Average of 2,400 trail users per day
 - 58% pedestrian, 42% cyclist usage



Accomplishments



North Acres Bridge



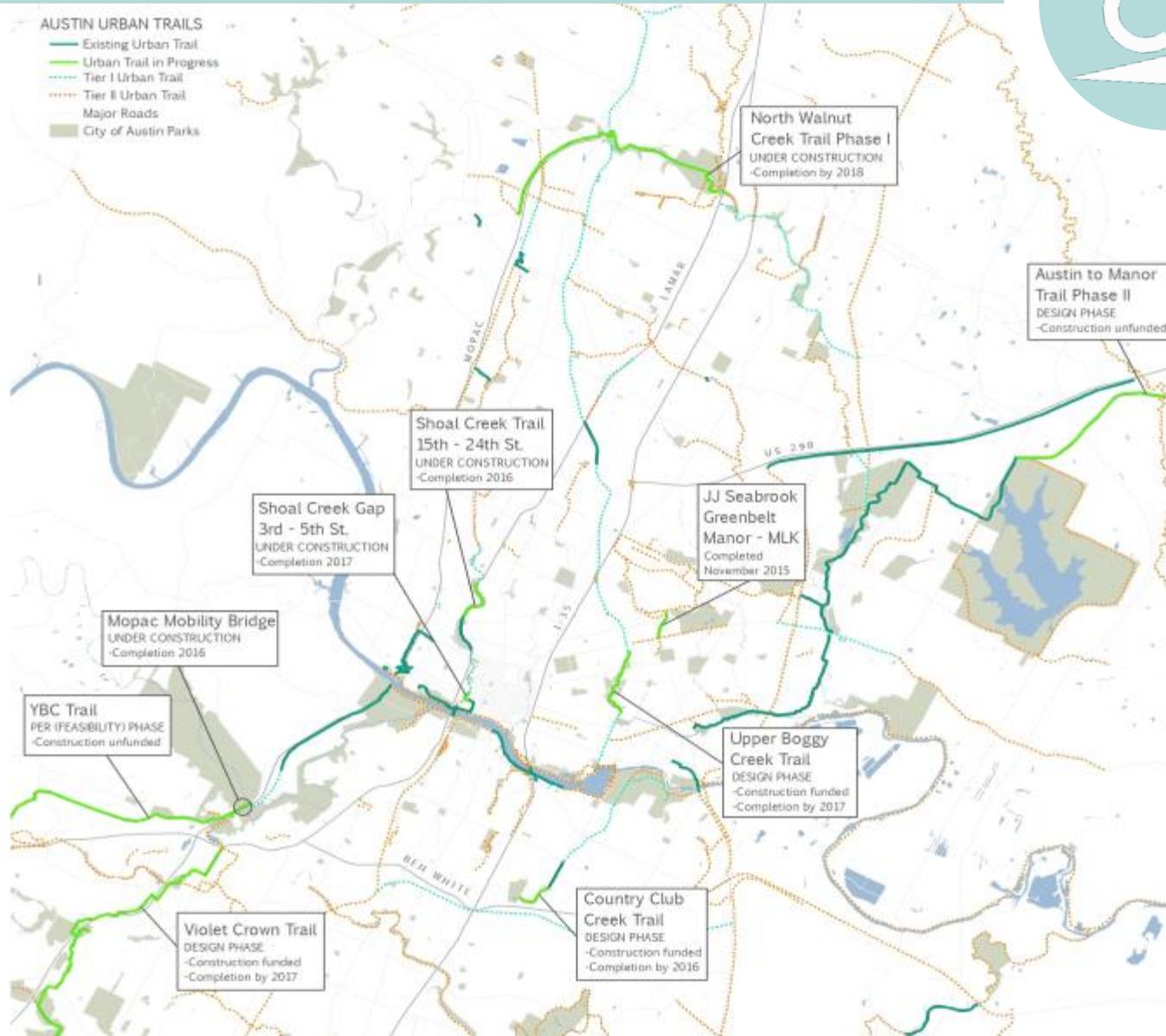
Trail Counters

Temporary Counter Stats

North Acres Bridge

- 649 cyclists during 4 week period
- Average of 34 trail users per day
- Manual counts estimate ~69 students use the bridge per day to get to school.

Active Projects

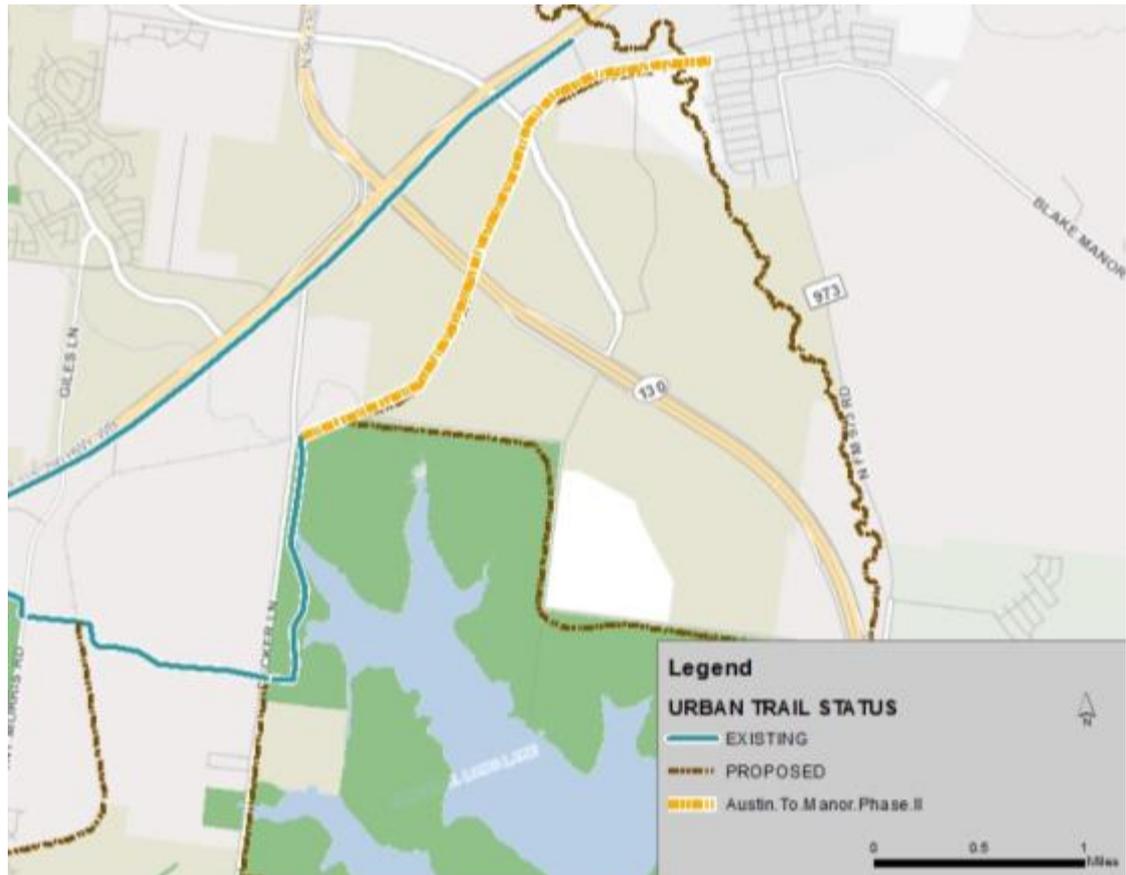


Active Projects



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

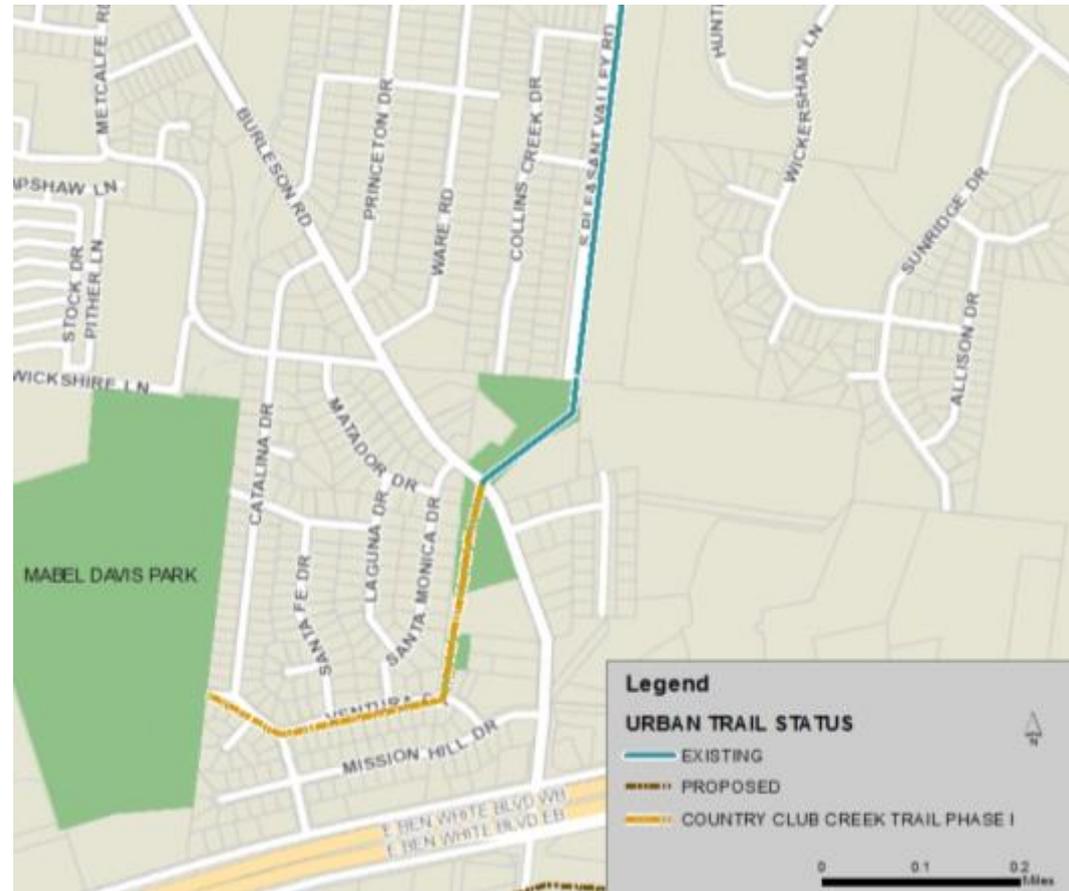


Active Projects



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 BurlerSON Road. Existing trail along electric transmission easement.

Active Projects



JJ Seabrook Greenbelt: Manor - MLK

Status	Complete
Length	0.4 Mile
Projected Completion	November 2015
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$2.2m

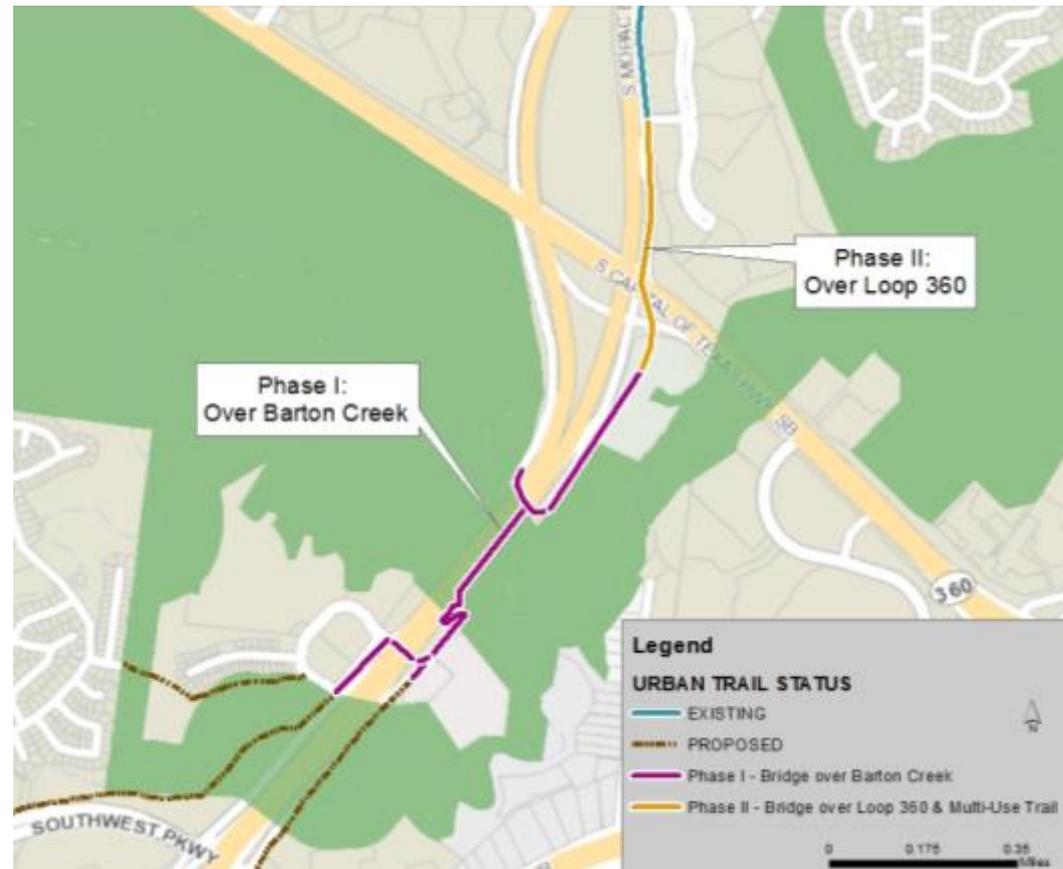


Active Projects



Mopac Mobility Bridges

Status	Construction
Length	1 Mile
Projected Completion	Phase I - December 2015, Phase II - March, 2016
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$13 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



Active Projects



Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase II

Status	Design
Length	1.6 Mile
Projected Completion	Construction unfunded
Estimated Total Project Cost	Construction unfunded



Active Projects



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

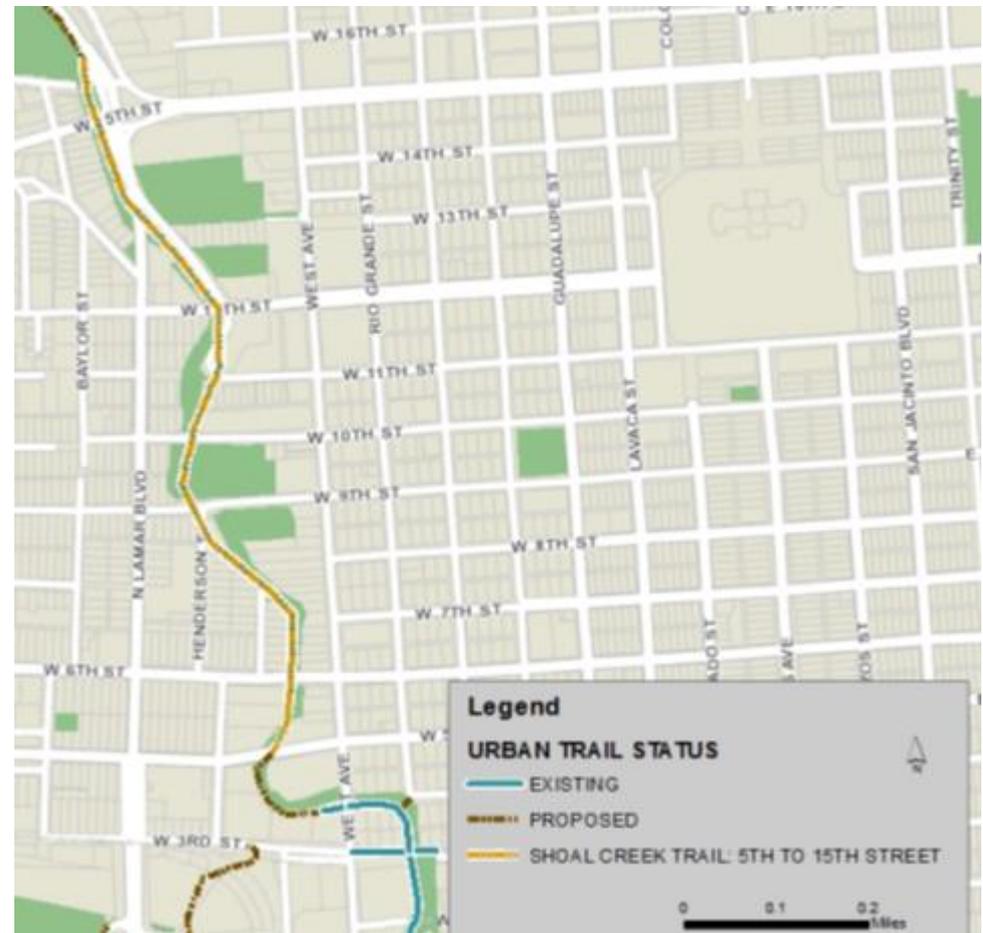


Active Projects



Shoal Creek Trail: Preliminary Engineering Report (5th - 15th)

Status	PER
Length	0.8 Mile
Projected Completion	PER completion winter 2016
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$400,000 (for PER). Construction cost unknown

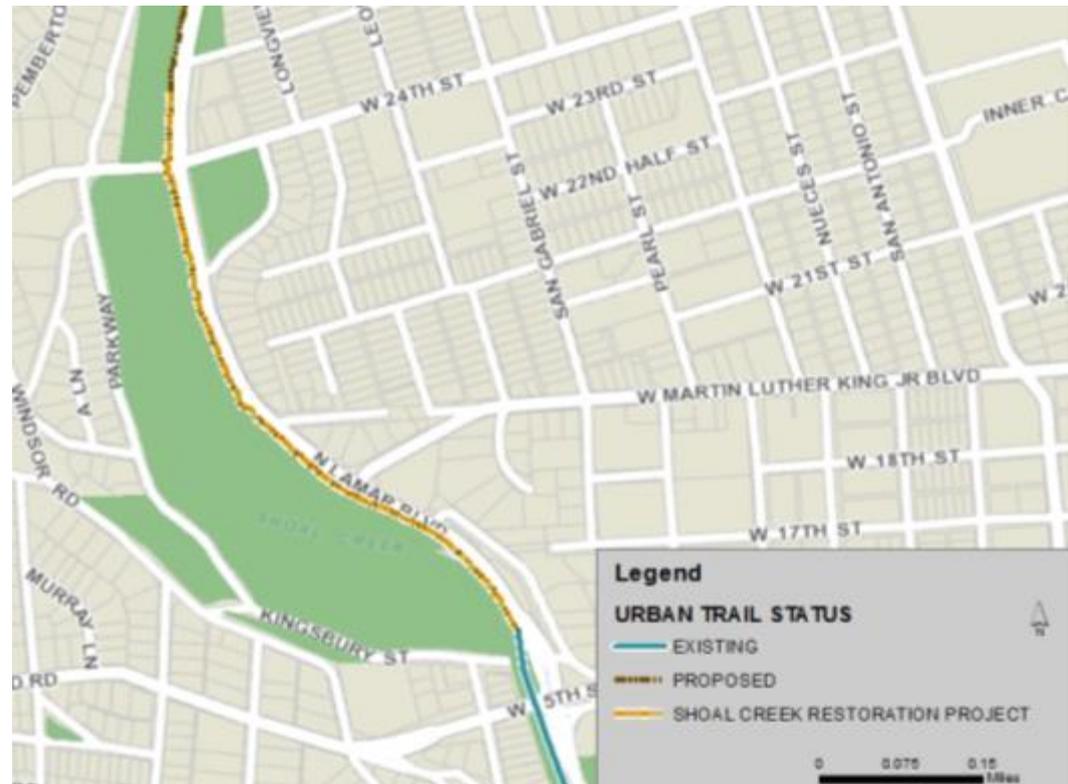


Active Projects



Shoal Creek Restoration Project: 15th to 24th Street

Status	Construction
Length	0.75 Mile
Projected Completion	February 2016
Estimated Total Project Cost	Trail-related costs: \$900,000



Active Projects



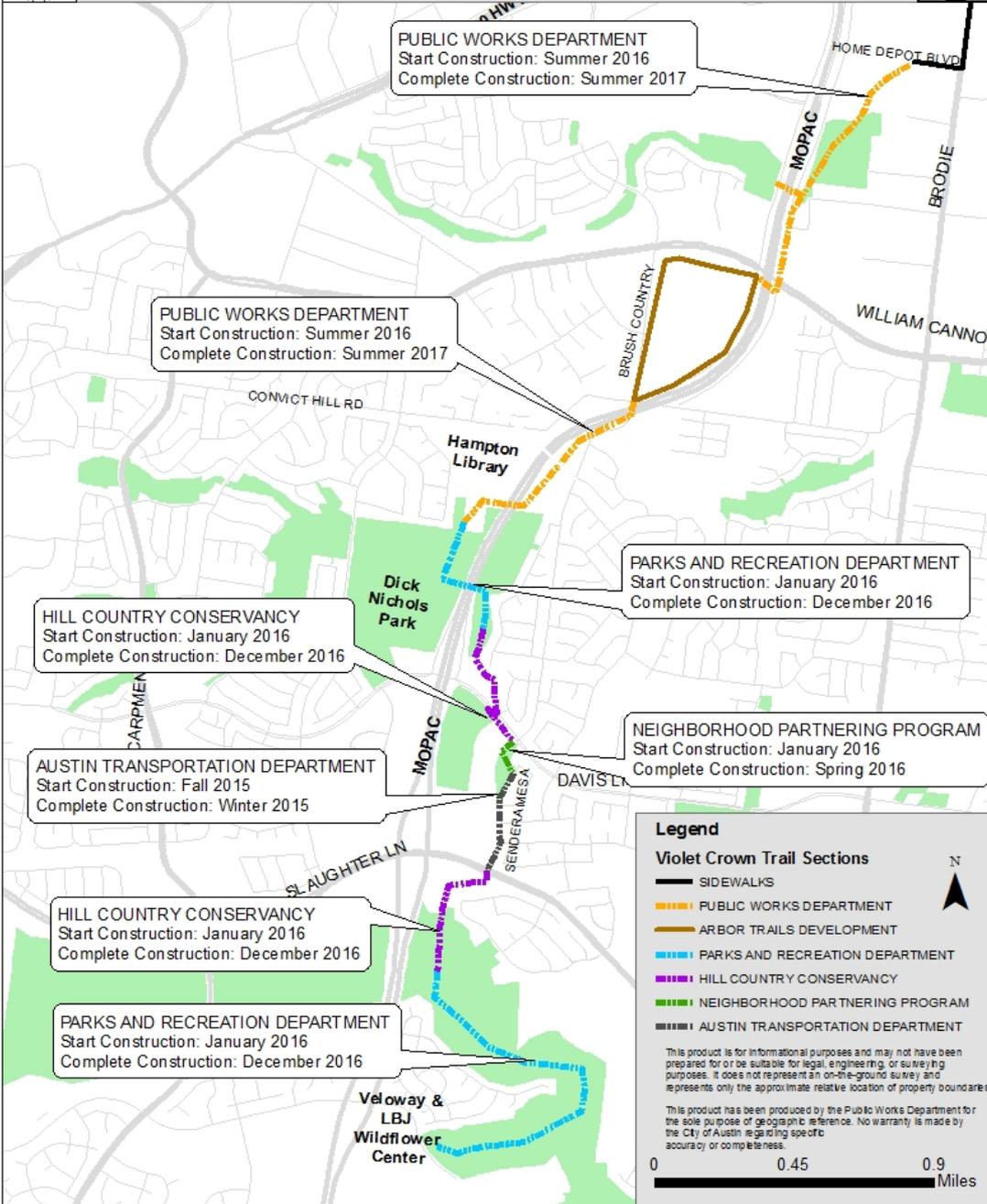
Upper Boggy Creek Trail: MLK Station to 12th Street.

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





VIOLET CROWN TRAIL



Legend

Violet Crown Trail Sections

- SIDEWALKS
- PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
- ARBOR TRAILS DEVELOPMENT
- PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
- HILL COUNTRY CONSERVANCY
- NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERING PROGRAM
- AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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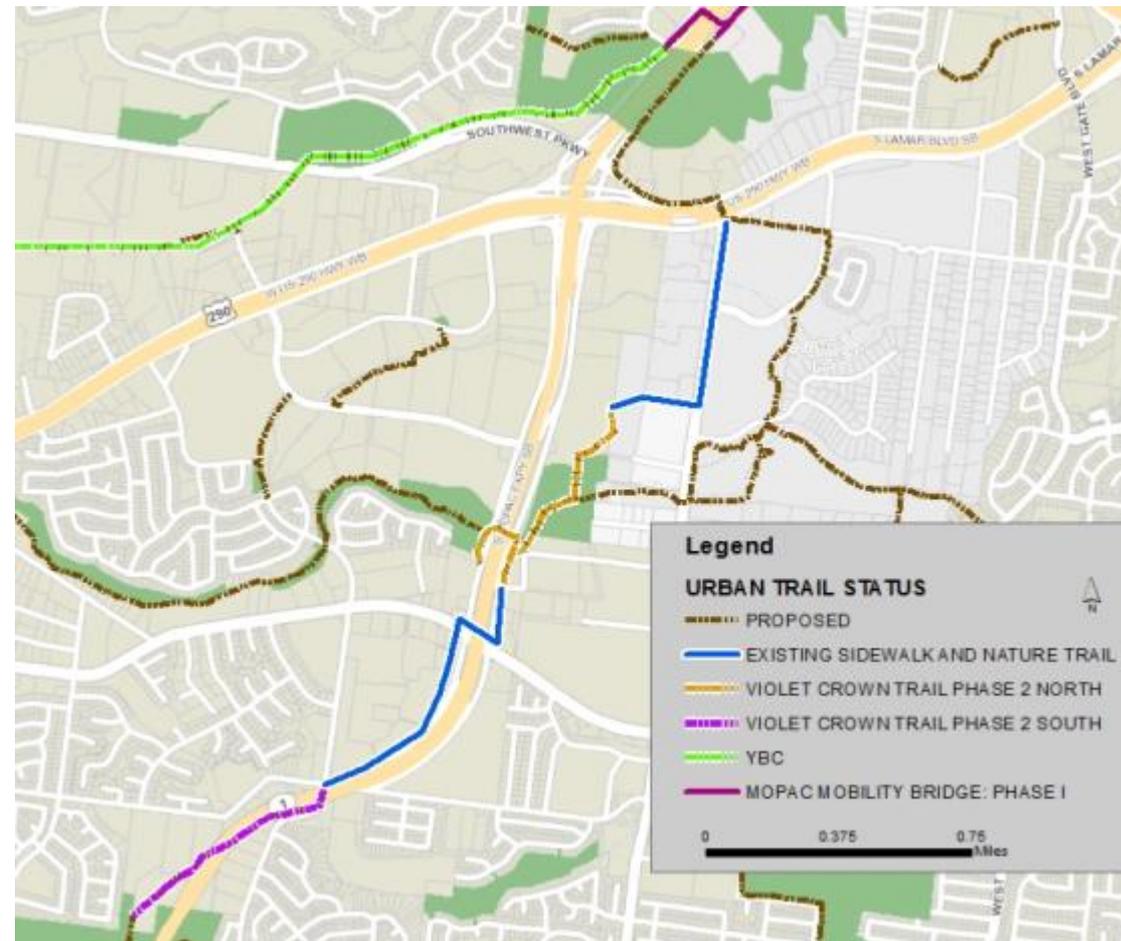
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Active Projects



Violet Crown Trail: Phase 2 “North & South”

Status	Design
Length	2.4 Miles
Projected Completion	Summer 2017
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$2.4 M



Active Projects



Violet Crown Trail: Phase 2 “Circle C Ranch Metro Park Veloway”

Status	Design
Length	3 Miles
Projected Completion	Winter 2016
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$2.8 M

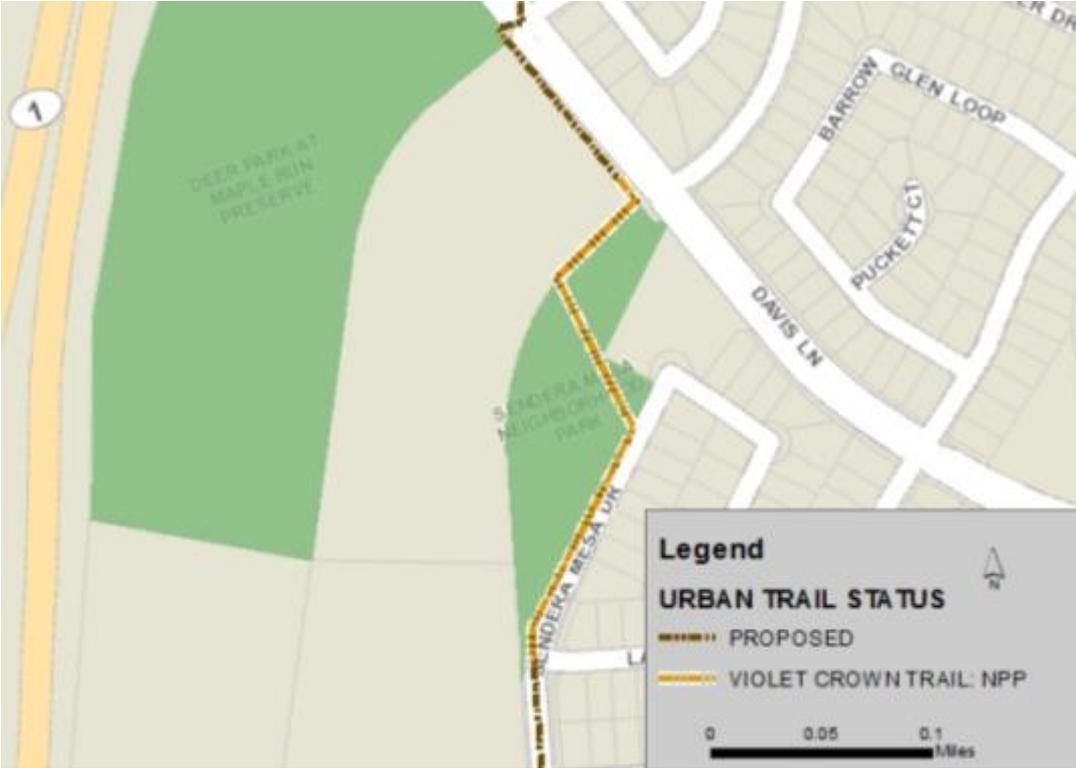


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Violet Crown Trail: Phase 2 Neighborhood Partnering Project

Status	Design
Length	0.25 Miles
Projected Completion	Spring 2016
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$250,000

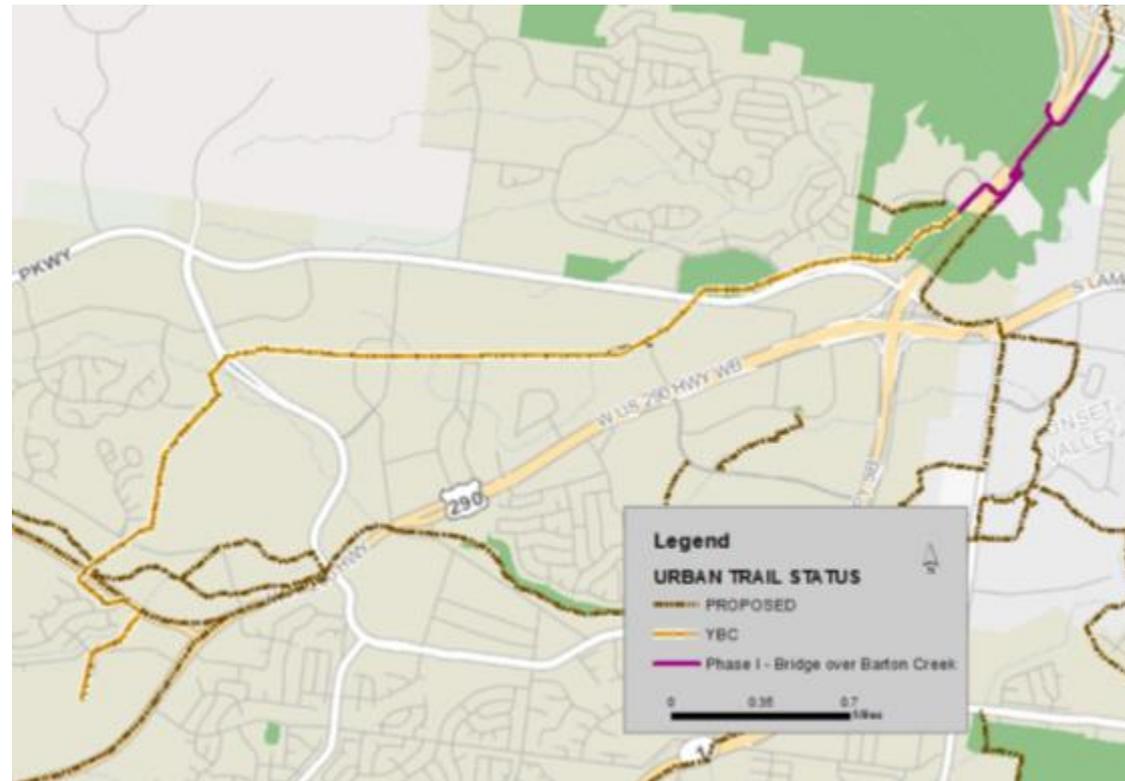


Active Projects



YBC Trail: “Y” at Oak Hill to Barton Creek

Status	PER
Length	Approx. 5 miles
Projected Completion	Construction Unfunded
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$10 - 12M



Active Projects



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 SH 71: US 290 - Silvermine	5.3 1.2
183 North	SH 45N to MoPac	7.6



Active Projects



Tier II Urban Trails Under Review

- Lexington Park II: Urban Trails on Pearce Lane (900 feet) and Ross Road (500 feet) and connections to Travis County Barkley Meadows Park.
- Lennox Oaks: US 183 to Montopolis Practice Fields (.4 mile)
- The Grove at Shoal Creek: Shoal Creek Trail: 45th to Ridgelea Drive (.4 mile)

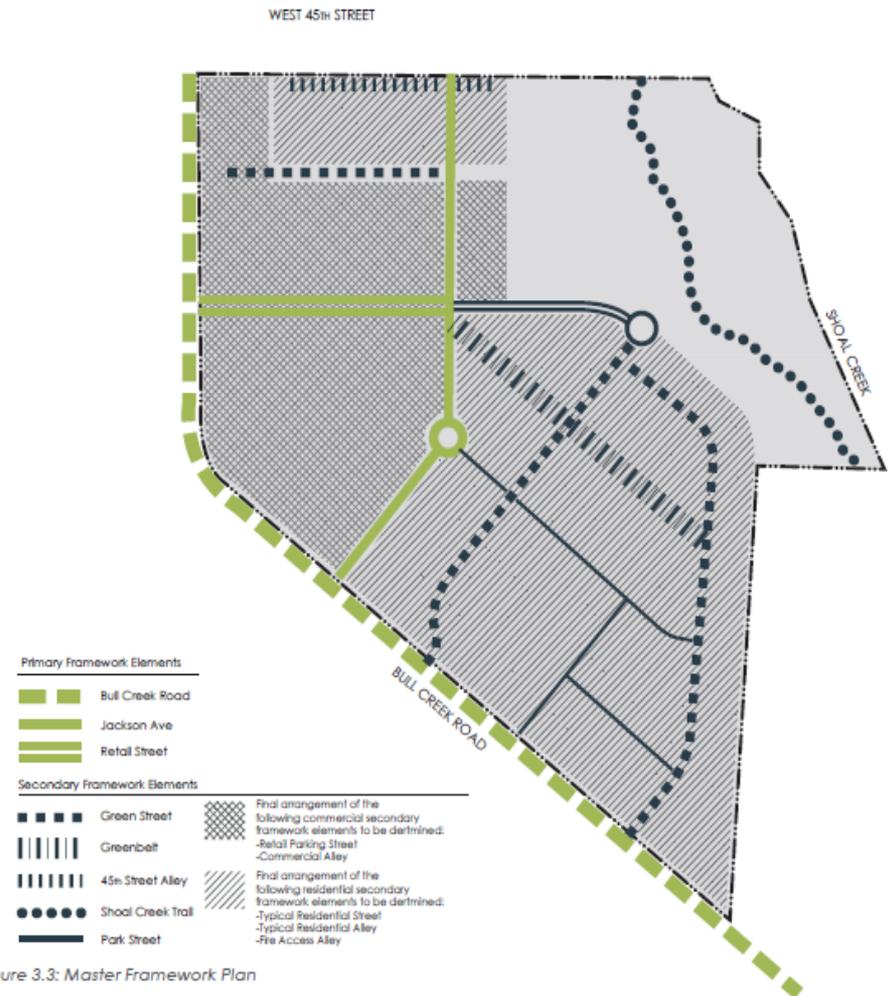


Figure 3.3: Master Framework Plan

Next Steps

Tejano Walking Trail

- Kiosk boards to be installed at Comal parking lot near Butler Trail
- 11 additional iZone signs to be purchased and installed for a total of 22 identified sites.
- Plaza Saltillo informational board to be installed.
- Continue to work with Sidewalk Program to complete the sidewalk network along the trail route.

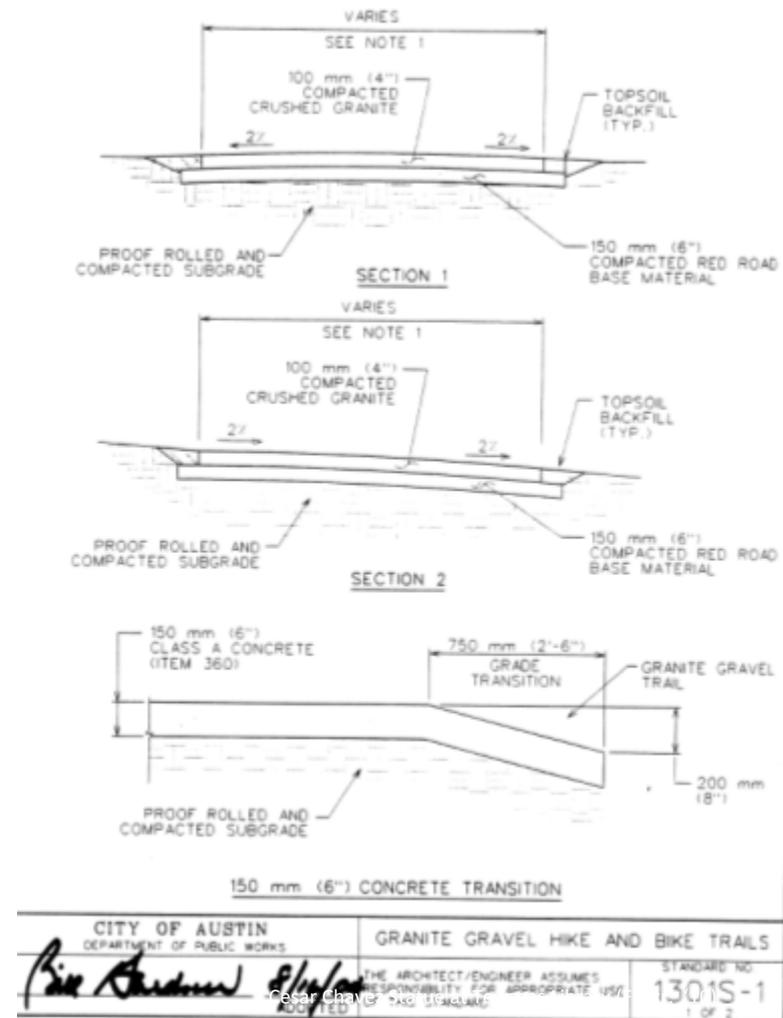


Cesar Chavez Statue at Terrazas Library (Flickr, '10)

Next Steps

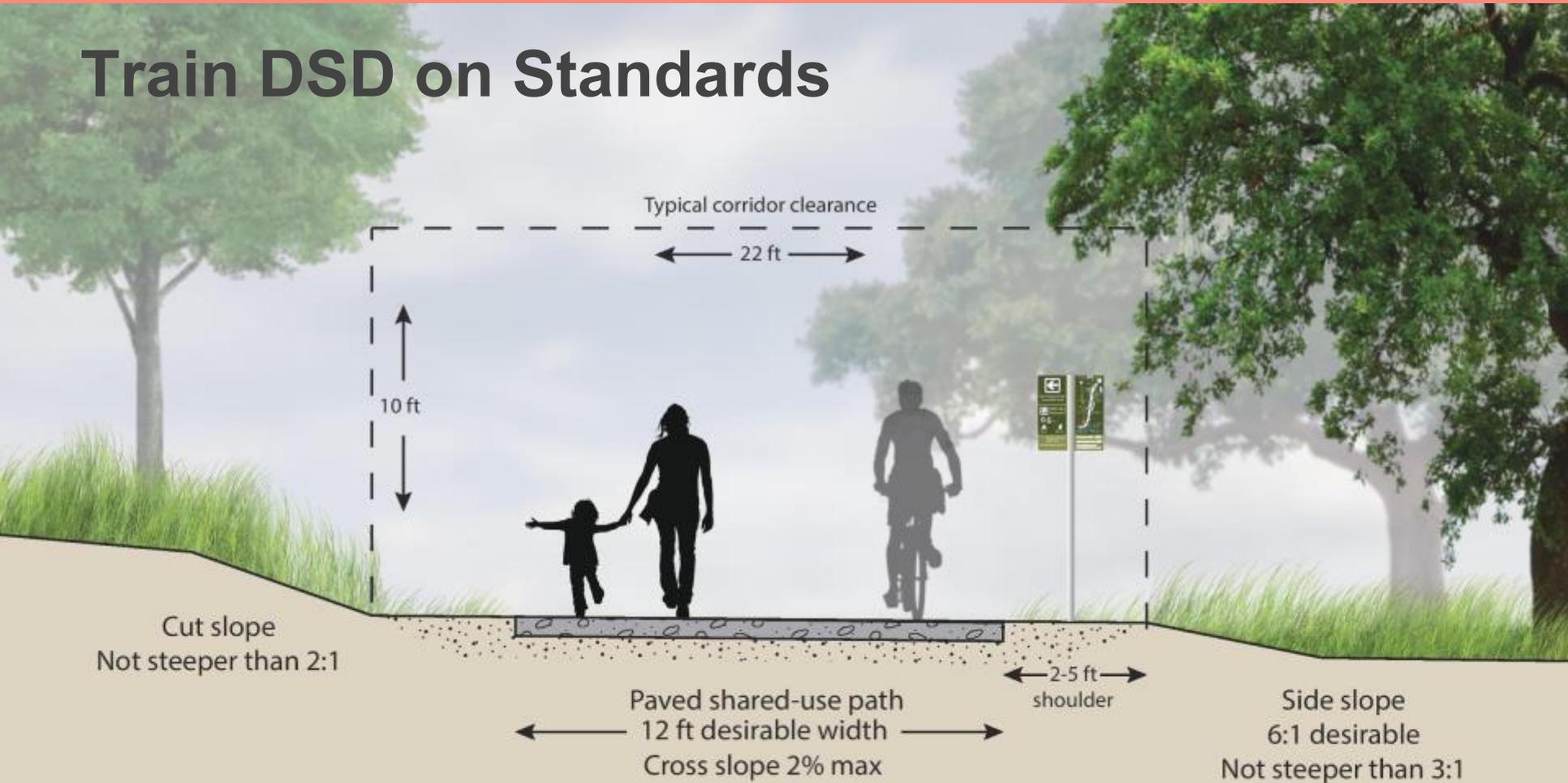
Standard Details and Specifications

- 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.



Next Steps

Train DSD on Standards



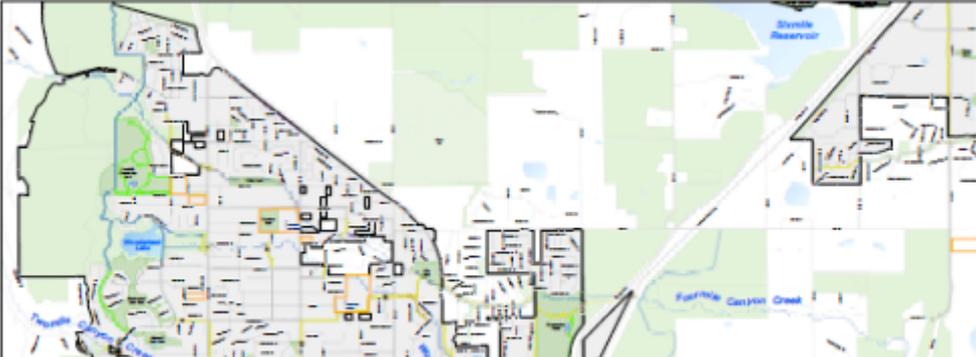
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Citywide MOU and Maintenance Map

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

City of Boulder
Multi-Use Path Maintenance Management Map



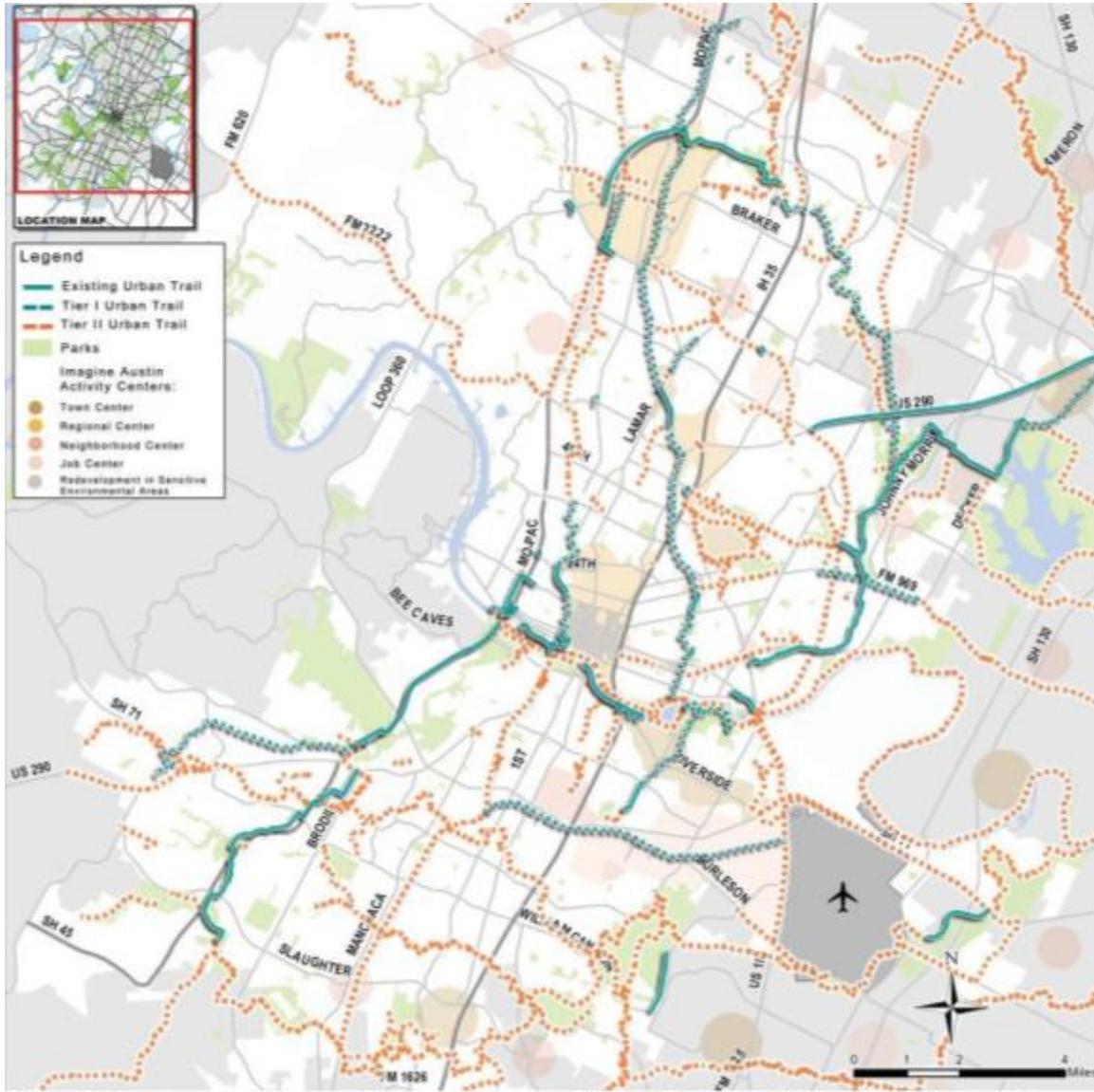
Trail Management Agency		Urban Drainage & Flood Control District (Natural areas not shown)		Public School	
Management Undetermined Multi-Use Path		Debris		School Property Boundary	
City of Boulder Transportation Maintenance (303) 413-7162		Mowing		Semi-Public Land	
Parks Department (303) 441-7200		Mowing and Debris		City Park	
Open Space & Mountain Parks County (303) 678-6200 City (303) 441-4495		Creek		Open Space	
Boulder County Transportation (303) 441-3900		Intermittent Creek		On Street Bike System	
University of Colorado (303) 492-5522		Ditch		Street	
Private Party		Lateral Ditch		Lake	
School District (720) 561-3765		Rest Area			
Bridge		Restroom			
Overpass		Water Drinking Fountain			
Underpass					

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.)



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THANK YOU!

