PROJECT OVERVIEW









Austin Public Works' Urban Trails Program is currently developing Violet Crown Trail -North. This section of the Violet Crown Trail network begins at Home Depot Blvd. and extends to Mopac, just north of William Cannon Dr.

This project is in the design phase and is funded for construction. Once completed, it will connect existing portions of the Violet Crown Trail System.

Project Website:

AustinTexas.gov/VioletCrownTrail

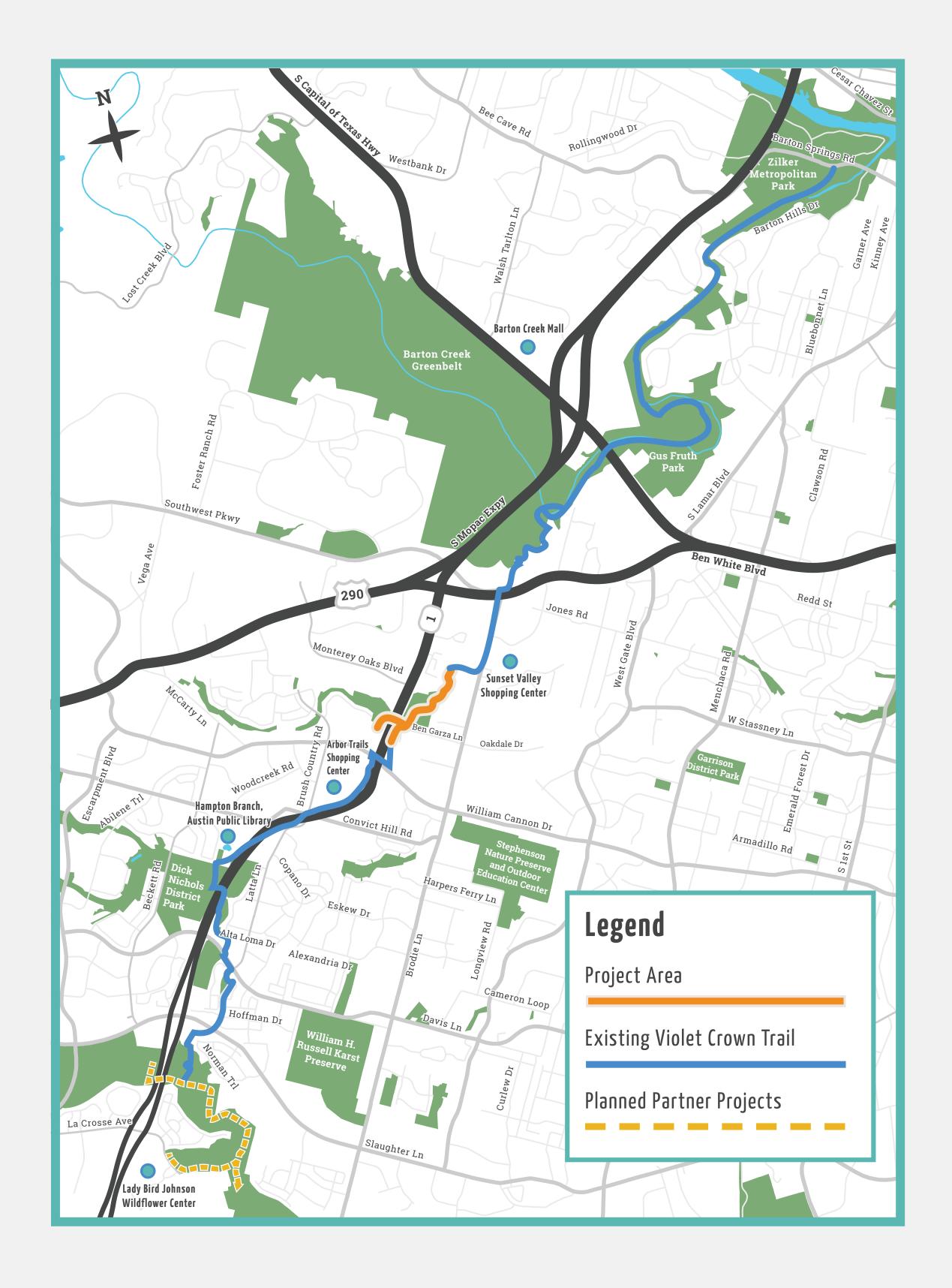
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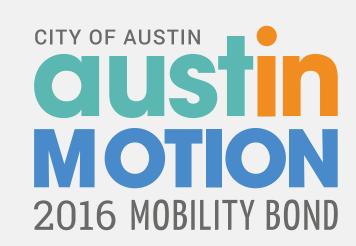
Violet Crown Trail System Map



About the Violet Crown Trail System

Violet Crown Trail begins at Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park and, once complete, will extend 30 miles south into Hays County. This trail connects neighborhoods with parks, libraries, shopping centers, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, and more!

Projects shown on this map are substantially complete or in progress. Projects by our Austin Parks and Recreation, Hill Country Conservancy and other partners continue south past Dick Nichols District Park to the LBJ Wildflower Center and SH-45.



TRAIL SYSTEM PROJECTS

Violet Crown Trail - South

The Urban Trails Program's Violet Crown Trail – South project opened in August 2018. This 4,000 footlong section is a paved surface designed for people walking and people on bikes.



Legend

Project Area

Existing Violet Crown Trail



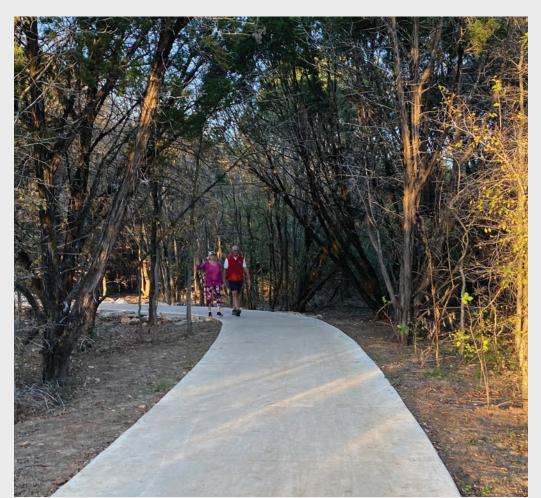
Trail entrance at Latta Drive / Convict Hill Road



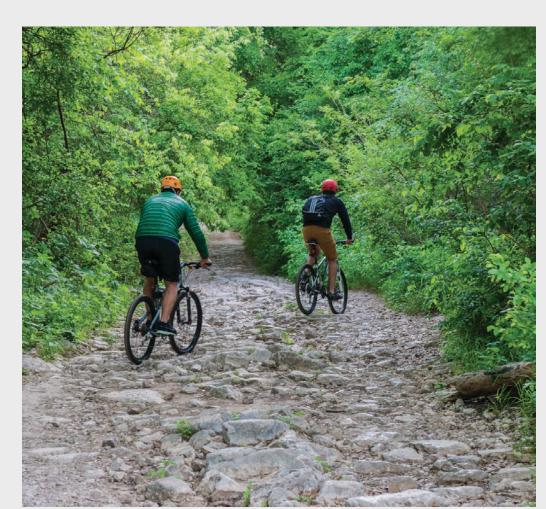
Violet Crown Trail - South near Dick Nichols Park

Partner Violet Crown Trail Projects

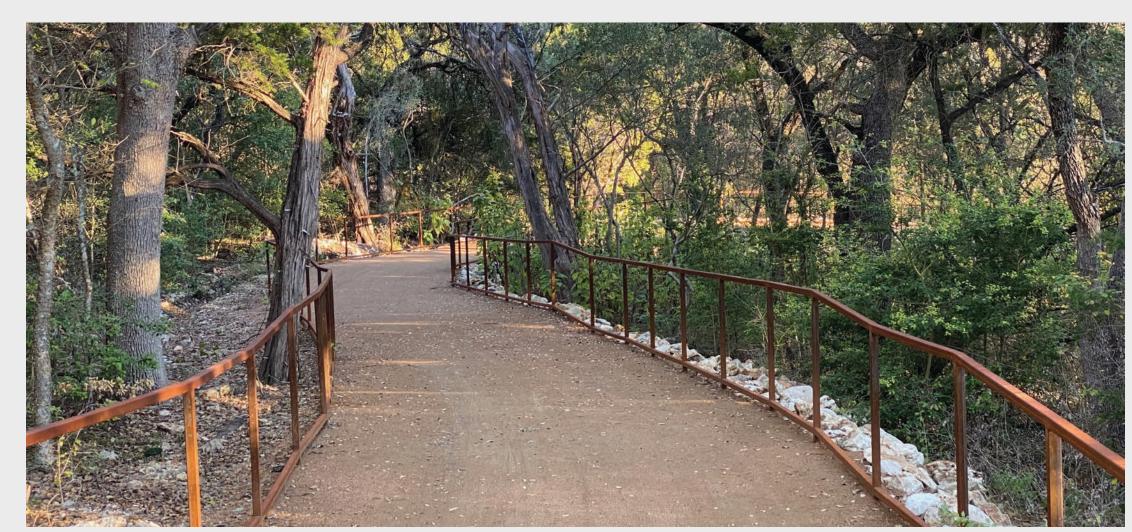
Our Austin Parks and Recreation and Hill Country Conservancy partners have been coordinating projects throughout the Violet Crown Trail System. Many are complete and open to the public.



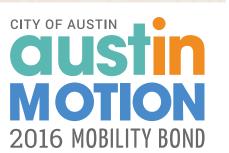
Violet Crown Trail at Dick Nichols Park



Violet Crown Trail at Zilker Park



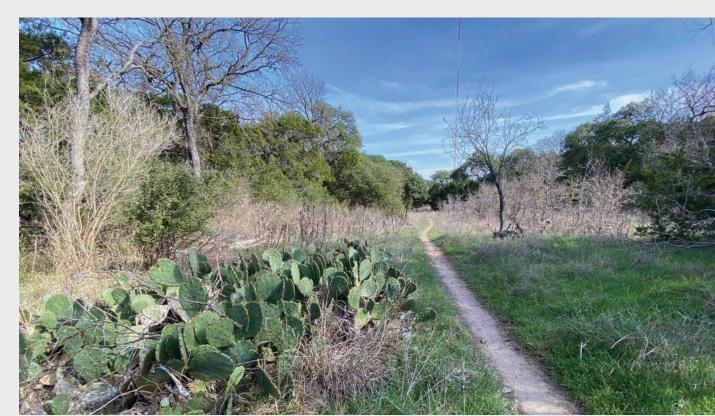
Violet Crown Trail at Slaughter Lane



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Existing Conditions

- Need for connection between existing sections of Violet Crown Trail
- Opportunity to use existing pathways:
 - Under MoPac
 - Along Williamson Creek
- Opportunity to supplement existing sidewalk



Existing path near Williamson Creek



Path near Garza Ranch Development



View of trail by Williamson Creek



Ben Garza sidewalk connection

Design Considerations

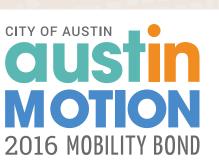
- Coordination with the City of Sunset Valley due to existing pathway location
- Recommended trail connection to parkland west of MoPac frontage road.



Existing path west of MoPac (north of shopping center)



Path under north and southbound MoPac frontage roads

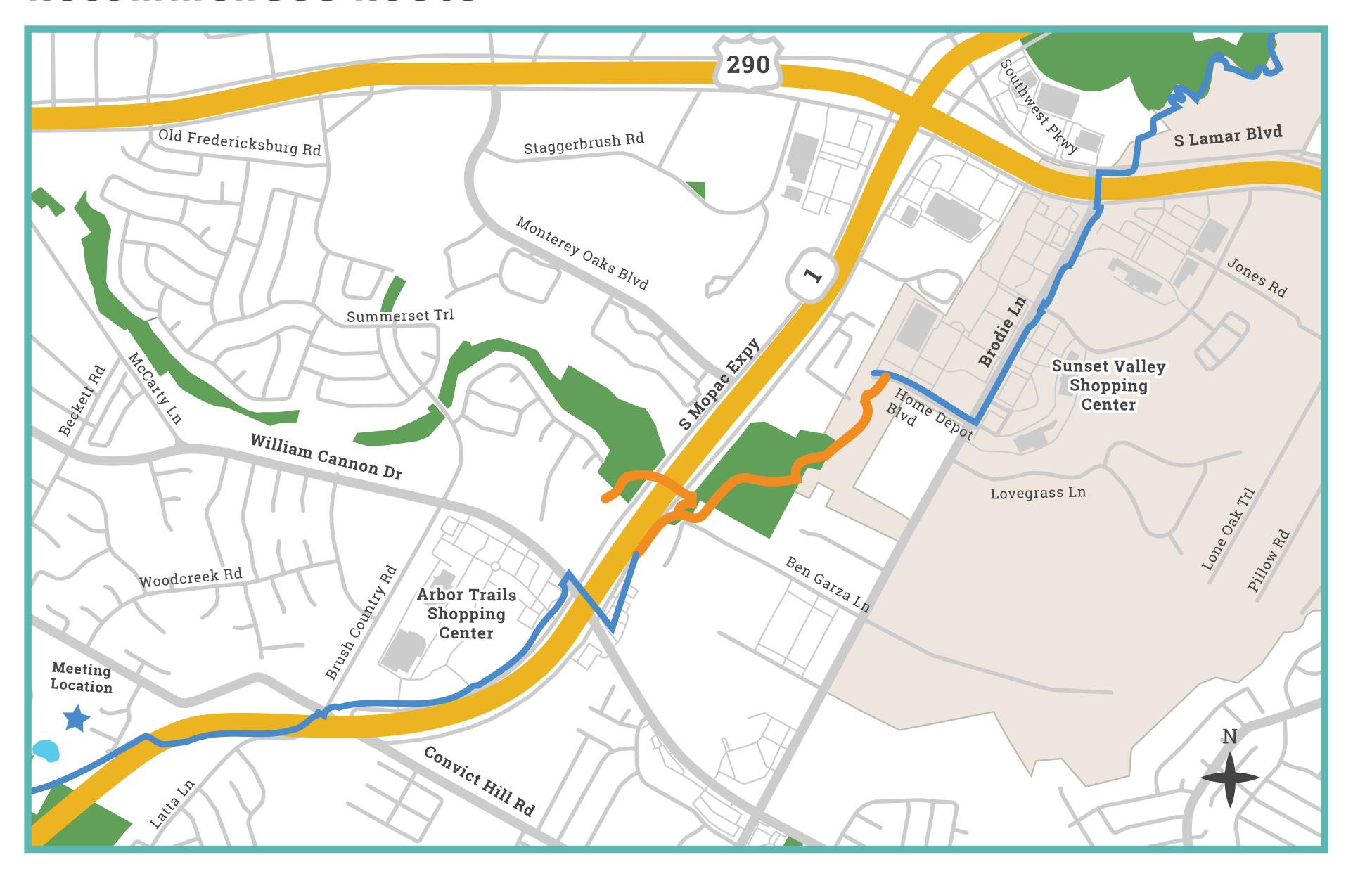


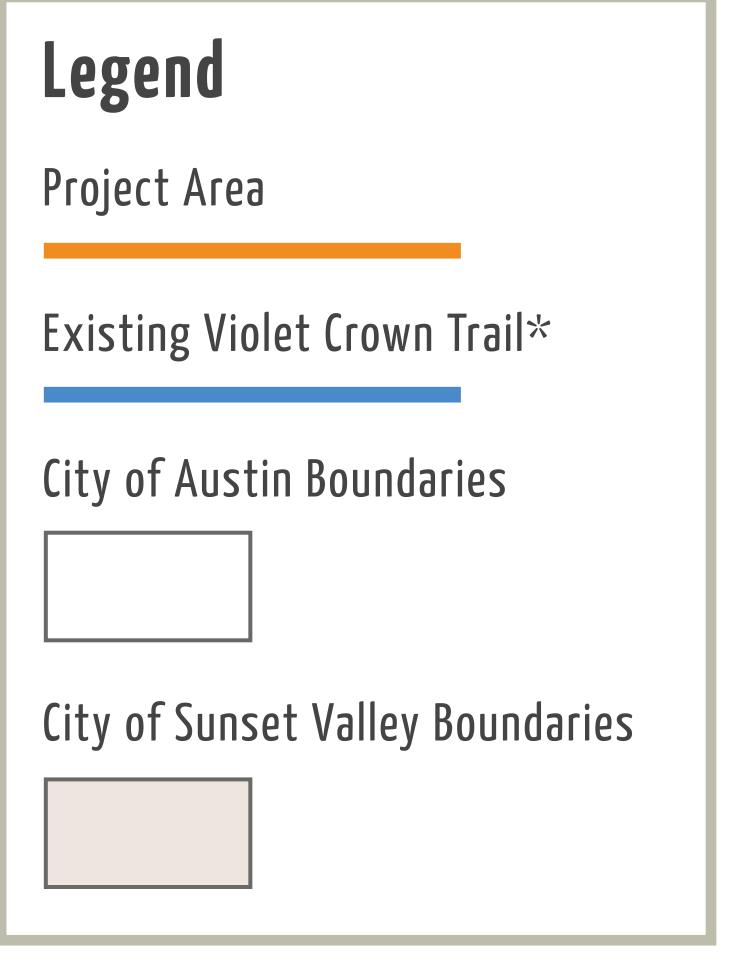
RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended Trail Features

- 1 mi. long, 10 ft. wide accessible trail made from a combination of stabilized granite and concrete to provide a natural look
- Boardwalk connecting to crossing under MoPac
- Connection to nearby sidewalk infrastructure and existing sections of Violet Crown Trail
- Opportunities for trail amenities (such as signage) provided by Hill Country Conservancy

Recommended Route





* Includes complete and substantially complete Urban Trails and partner projects within the Violet Crown Trail System



VIOLET CROWN TRAIL - SOUTH UPDATE

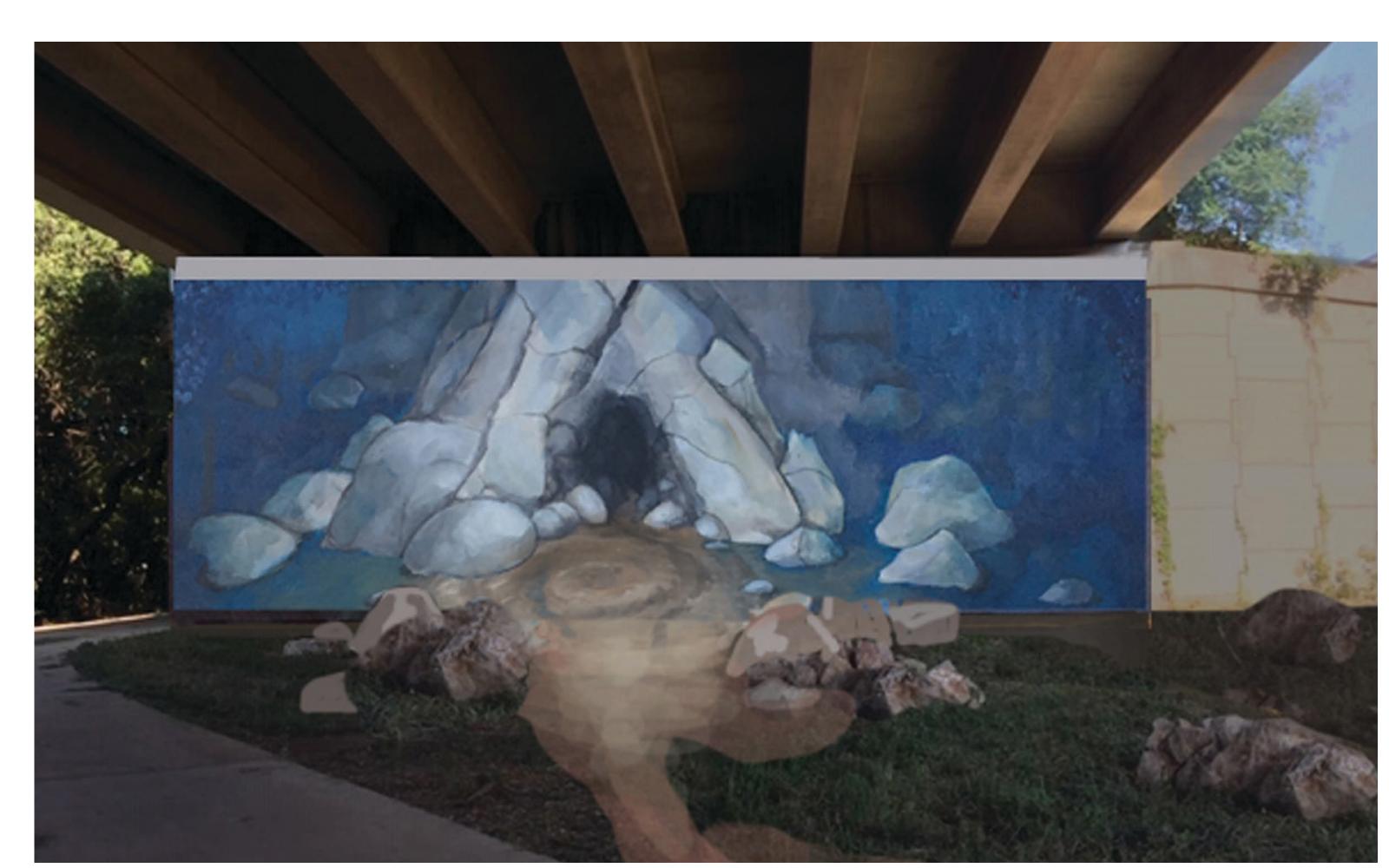
Placemaking Update

In coordination with Austin Water and the Hill Country Conservancy, new murals and landscaping features

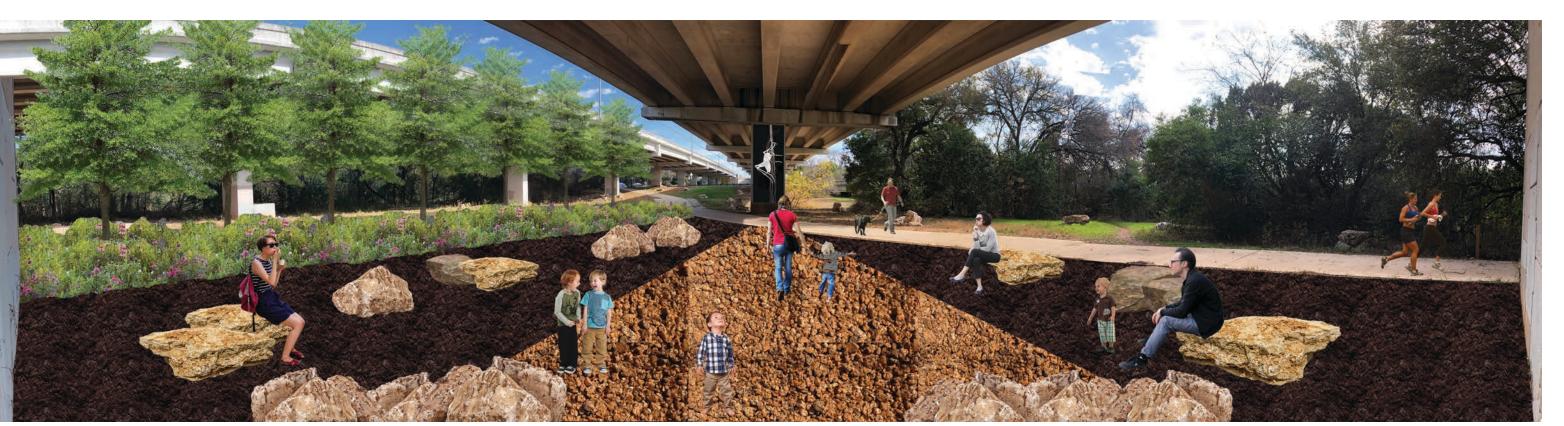
are being planned for Violet Crown Trail – South at Latta Drive and Convict Hill Road.

Landscape Features

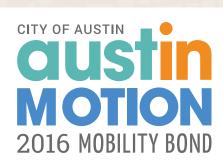
- Design is focused on mural and includes surround seating for outdoor classroom use
- Landscaping designed to reduce watering needs and maintenance:
 - Hardscape materials (mulch and river rock) under MoPac overpass
 - Trees and rain gardens planted in areas between MoPac decks to utilize natural sun/water
- Planned green spaces designed to create a more inviting environment under freeway



Draft sketch of mural design rendered on underpass wall



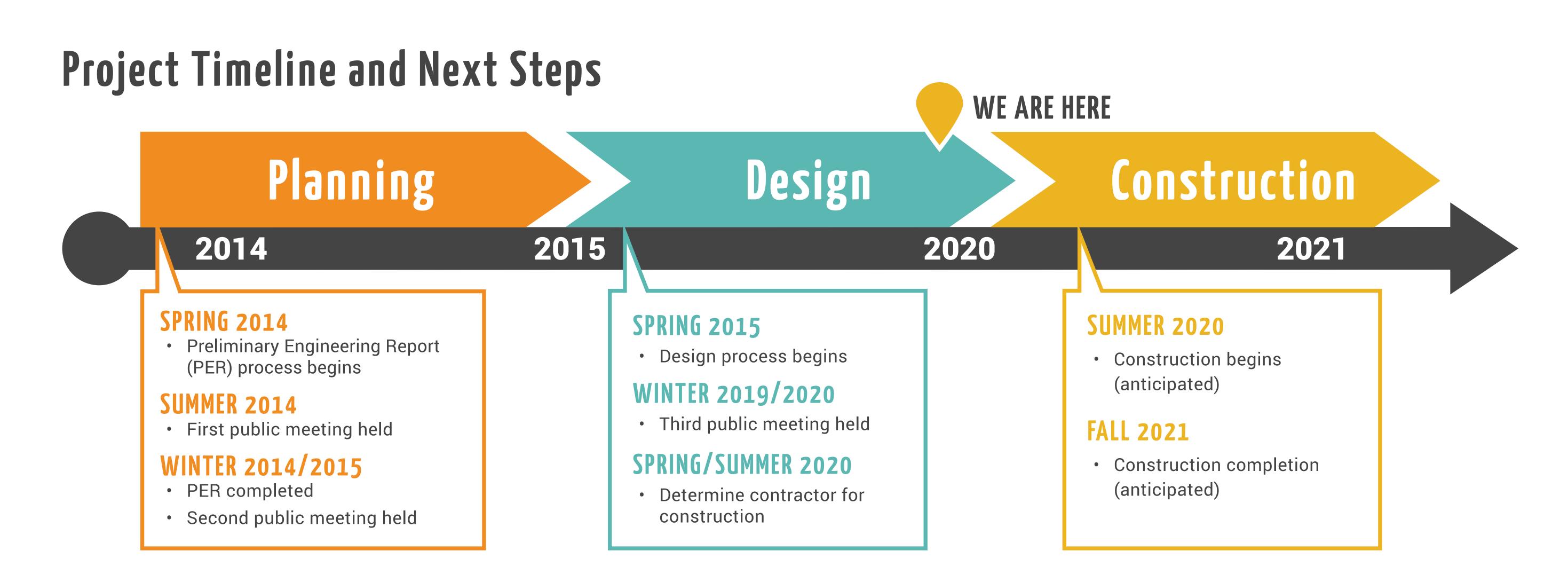
Conceptual rendering of mural design and landscaping features



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Project Funding

Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Grant	\$1.7 M
2016 Mobility Bond	\$1 M
2012 Bond	\$550,000
TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED (Estimate)	\$3.25 M





PARTNER PROJECTS

Hill Country Conservancy Violet Crown Trail Updates	 Hill Country Conservancy is currently adding wayfinding signage along the existing Violet Crown Trail from Convict Hill Rd. and Dick Nichols Park. Learn more: VioletCrownTrail.com
William Cannon Drive Corridor Project	 Through the 2016 Mobility Bond, the City of Austin Corridor Program Office is conducting final design on mobility, safety and connectivity improvements to Slaughter Lane between FM 1826 and Bluff Springs Rd. and to William Cannon Dr. Learn more: AustinTexas.gov/WilliamCannon
Nearby Multimodal Improvement Projects	 The Austin Transportation Department has been developing several nearby bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects, including: Two-way protected bikeway along Brush Country Rd. from William Cannon Dr. to Summerset Trl. (completed) Buffered bike lanes on Convict Hill Rd. from Escarpment Blvd. to Woodcreek Rd. (completed) Upcoming public process on Escarpment Blvd. from William Cannon Dr. to SH-45. Learn more: AustinTexas.gov/ActiveTransportation

