



SAFETEA LU: Project Recommendations

Presentation to the City Council
April 13, 2009



Agenda

- Timeline
- Project Selection Criteria
- Suggested Project List
- Questions

Timeline



- ➔ Initial notification – March 27th
- ➔ First coordination call – April 2nd
- ➔ Second coordination call – April 7th
- ➔ Data collection and review – April 7th thru 10th
- ➔ Council presentation – April 13th
- ➔ Submission of Council approved projects – April 15th

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Criteria from Washington



- ➔ Projects need to be executed between 2011 to 2015
 - ➔ Recommended projects require a 20% funding match
 - ➔ Project costs should be between \$5M to \$15M
 - ➔ Identify up to three projects per Congressional District
 - ➔ Projects should have transportation/mobility impacts
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- ➔ Local + Federal funds must = 80% of cost to complete project within 5-6 years

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Staff Project Selection Approach



- Reviewed lists previously approved by Council
 - Chose a variety of modes
 - Desired a geographic distribution
 - Sought new opportunities (Waller Creek Trail)
 - Incorporated input from PWD, ATD and NPZD
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- Selected variety of projects that can respond to on-going changes in Federal requirements
 - Projects less than 80% funding will be phased to meet criteria

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would be
city portion.
(mobility bond
to support)

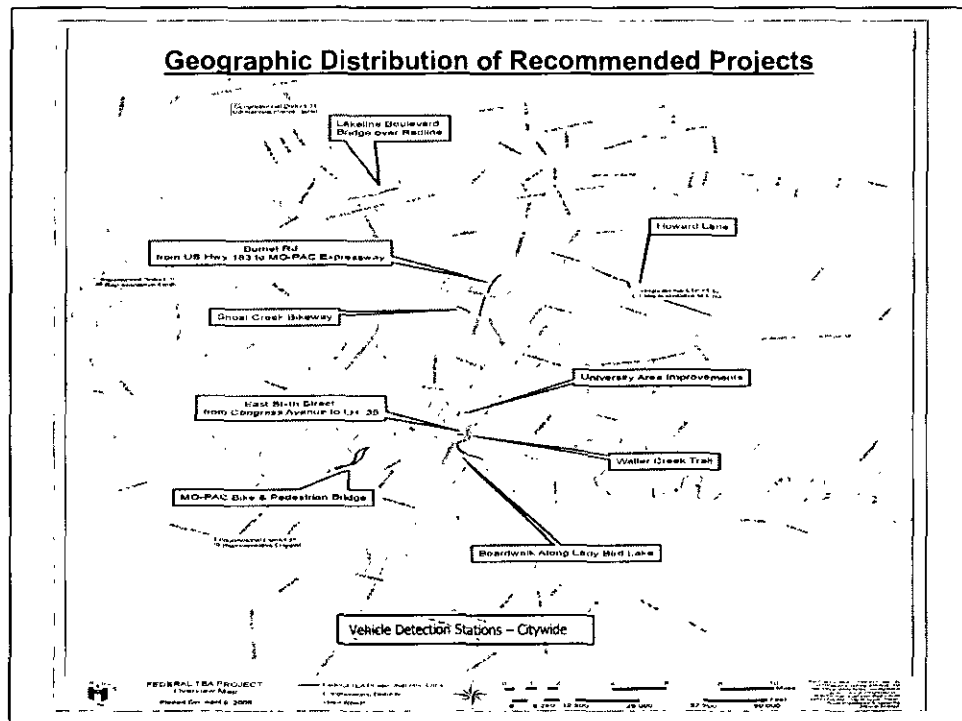
Recommended Projects



- Boardwalk along Lady Bird Lake
- Waller Creek Trail
- MOPAC Bicycle / Pedestrian Bridge
- Burnet - 183 to MOPAC (Phase 1)
- Toll Tag Detection Stations
- East 6th Street Reconstruction
- Howard Lane Extension
- Lake Line Boulevard bridge over the Red line
- Shoal Creek Bikeway
- University Area Improvement (Guadalupe)

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adding cell
phone tracking
rather than toll
tags



Back up Material

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Lady Bird Lake Boardwalk



Project Description

Trail extension to close 1.3 mile gap in heavily used pedestrian and bicycle trail system, improving safety and connecting the East Riverside neighborhood to the City center

Design currently funded

Estimated Project Cost:
\$15,000,000

District: Congressman Doggett



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Waller Creek Trail



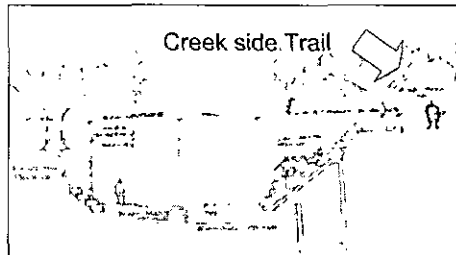
Project Description:

Waller Creek tunnel storm water system improvement will remove east side of downtown from flood plain

Trail would extend the Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail along Waller Creek to Waterloo Park

Estimated Project Cost:
\$13,300,000

District: Congressman Doggett



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MOPAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge



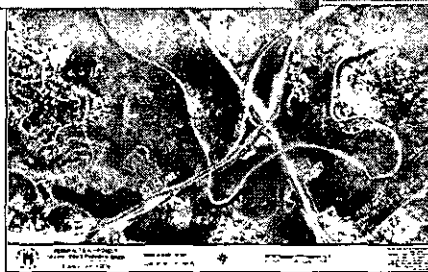
Project Description:

A bicycle bridge will be constructed over Barton Creek slung under the MOPAC bridge at 360, similar to bicycle crossing at Lady Bird Lake

Provides critical link in bicycle route system connecting Downtown to Southwest Austin, greatly improves safety

Estimated Project Cost:
\$5,000,000

District: Congressman Smith



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Burnet –MOPAC to Braker (Phase 1)



Project Description:

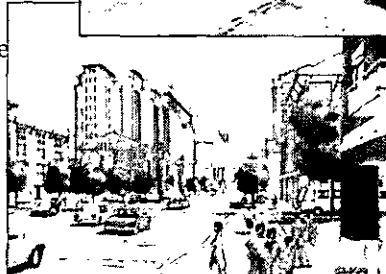
Road redesign of 1.25 mile segment from Mopac (Loop 1) to Braker to urban standards, 4-lane divided roadway, dedicated Bus Rapid Transit, bicycle lanes, sidewalks

Part of North Burnet/Gateway Neighborhood Master Plan

Upgrade will be catalyst for private investment with access to rail transit

Estimated Project Cost:
\$34,000,000, request for Federal assistance \$15,000,000

District: Congressman McCaul



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Vehicle Detection Stations

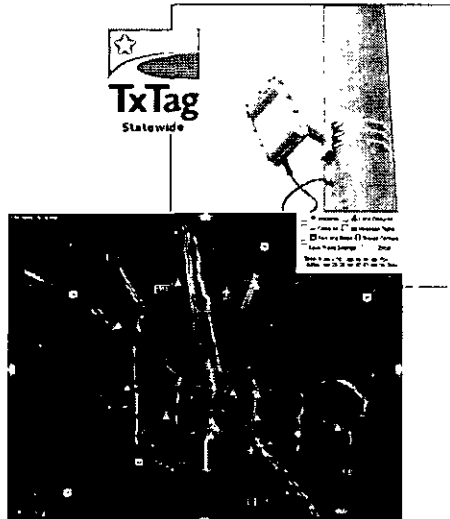


Project Description:

Vehicle detection stations to be installed at strategic corridor and arterial locations in the City using toll-tag registration tags to create a real-time congestion information system accessible by Austin citizens via the web

Estimated Project Cost:
\$6,000,000

District: City Wide



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East 6th Street Reconstruction

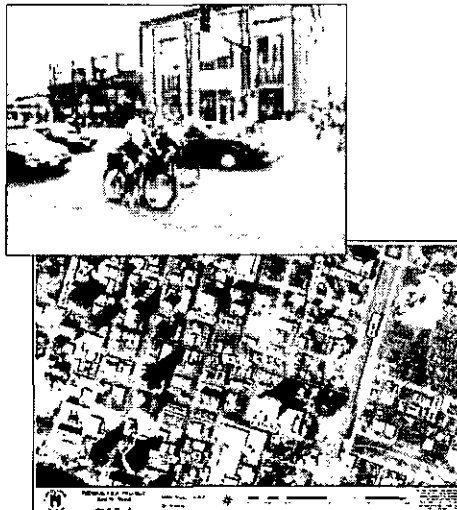


Project Description:

Design and road reconstruction, sidewalk, landscaping, drainage and utility improvements on Sixth Street between IH 35 and Congress Avenue

Estimated Project Cost:
\$15,000,000

District: Congressman Doggett



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Howard Lane Extension



Project Description:

Design and construction of 4-lane divided arterial with bike lanes and sidewalks to extend Howard Lane east, between Cameron Road and SH 130

Project in cooperation with Travis County

Estimated Project Cost:
\$10,000,000

District: Congressman McCaul



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Lake Line Boulevard Bridge



Project Description:

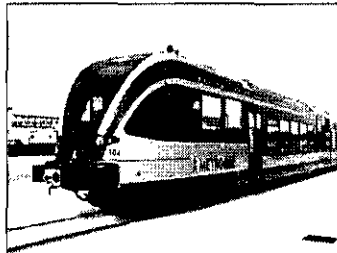
Construction of an overpass at Lakeline Boulevard go over CMTA Red line and avoid traffic delays for current at grade railroad crossing

Improvement will greatly enhance traffic flow along this important north Austin arterial

Lakeline relieves both RM 620 and Avery Ranch

Estimated Project Cost:
\$8,300,000

District: Congressman Carter



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Shoal Creek Bikeway



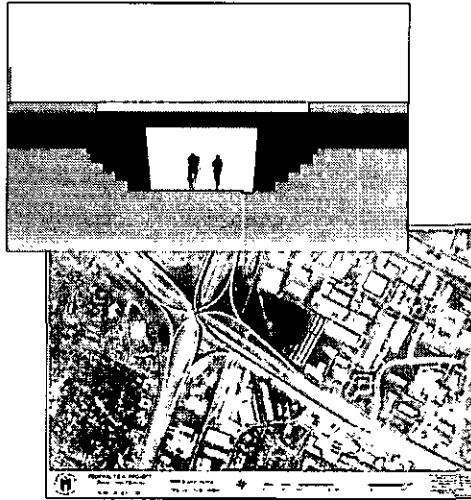
Project Description:

Construction of tunnel under US 183 to provide missing link in bike route connecting downtown to North Burnet/Gateway area

No current safe or convenient options exist to cross major intersection at US 183

Estimated Project Cost:
\$5,000,000

District: Congressman McCaul



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University Area Improvement



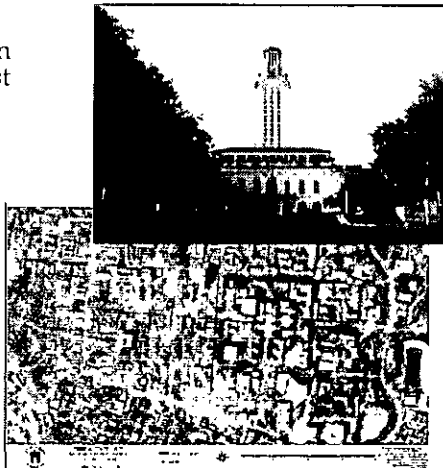
Project Description:

Guadalupe Street reconstruction for University area between 21st and 24th Streets

Includes streetscape enhancements, drainage and utility facilities to pedestrian-heavy major entrance to the University of Texas main campus

Estimated Project Cost:
\$9,000,000

District: Congressman Smith



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Questions



- ➡ Howard Lazarus, Public Works Director – 974.7190
- ➡ Rob Spillar, Transportation Director – 974.2488

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offer to Congress for stimulus pks.

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exclude - Toll Tag Detection station