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APPENDIX J: AUSTIN TRAILS MASTER PLAN



In April 2008, the Austin City Council passed a resolution mandating the creation of a comprehensive and coordinated urban trails map for the City, to serve as an interim Trails Master Plan. The map includes existing trail networks, as well as potential new additions and gap completions to the network. The Austin Bicycle Plan will serve to compliment and/or implement the trails map and city vision for developing a trails network, which is: To create an interconnected non-motorized network of on-road routes and off-road trail corridors that provides transportation, environmental and historic resources preservation, recreation, socialization and health benefits.

In addition to the expansive system envisioned by the Trails Master Plan, the city's geography, land use patterns, and street layout offer ample opportunity for the development of supplemental trails that could significantly enhance mobility and safety for both cyclists and pedestrians. Such connections might be as simple as trails between streets that dead end close to one another or public access along private roads or parking lots that link existing bicycle facilities. The Trails Master Plan planning process would seek to identify such connection and work with appropriate stakeholders to achieve them.

Appendix J contains the conceptual trail map which was presented to City Council on March 26th, 2009. The map included is conceptual in nature but is also a rich interactive tool, dependent upon scale (i.e. at city-wide extent large swaths of conceptual greenways become apparent, and at on a larger scale, more detailed corridors are identified with relation to existing and planned on and off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities). Current versions are kept with the Neighborhood Connectivity Division within the Department of Public Works, or its successor, until such time as a Trails Master Plan is completed.