

Sept. 25, 2014 Item #143 Urban Trails Master Plan

Council Member Morrison

Amendments:

- 1) **Page xi and 5-11, Amend language:** *Upon completion of 30% design, Urban Trail projects will brief the Environmental Board and any other appropriate boards and commissions for their review and recommendations, and present to Council's Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee or its successor committee.*
- 2) **Page 5-11, Amend and add criteria for presentation to Council Committee:** *Upon completion of 30% design, Urban Trail projects will brief the Environmental Board and any other appropriate boards and commissions for their review and recommendations, and present to Council's Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee or its successor committee. As part of the Council Committee presentation staff will further provide considerations for trail alignment, width, trail surface material, environmental aspects such as CEFs, trees, slopes, etc., community concerns that have been raised and any other project specific issues and the Council Committee will make recommendations to the Council as needed.*
- 3) **Page 1-7, Amend 4th Bullet:** All weather pavement surface.
- 4) **Page A-5, Amend Surface Material:** The preferred typical surface material for an Urban Trail is asphalt.
- 5) **Page 3-2 Amend 2nd paragraph:** *There are approximately 300 miles of trails of all types within the City of Austin. About 30 miles of these existing trails are considered Urban Trails. These trails have been built by various organizations over the past five decades. Since there has never been a master plan guiding Urban Trail development they do not all meet the standards set forth in the Urban Trails Master Plan. Many existing trail segments, for example, are less than 12 feet wide and do not meet current American with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). The Parks and Recreation Department will be assessing its current inventory of trails by conducting an ADA Self-Assessment. The result of the assessment will be the creation of a prioritized Transition Plan for the ongoing monitoring, maintenance and upgrade in facilities to comply with the requirements of United States Access Board, Chapter 10: Recreation Facilities Standards. While the 30 miles of existing Urban Trails do not necessarily meet current standards, they do serve as the backbone of the Urban Trail network, and provide the community with an off-street option for traveling around and enjoying the city.*
- 6) **Page x Amend paragraph to incorporate creation of an Urban Trail Webpage:** *Upon initiation of the PER process, the public, residents and area stakeholders will be engaged at a public open house to get feedback about the corridor, voice any concerns, identify specific goals/ outcomes of the project, and help identify potential access points. A project website will be established to facilitate transparency and sharing of information with the public.*

The project website will contain meeting information, maps, exhibits, contact information, and the draft PER once it is available. Once the PER process is complete, a secondary open house will be held to present the PER.

- 7) ***Page 5-10 Amend paragraph to incorporate creation of an Urban Trail Webpage: The City of Austin will hold one Open House at the initiation of the PER, and another after the PER has almost been completed. In addition to these Open Houses, staff will collect feedback electronically, by mail, or by telephone. A project website will be established to facilitate transparency and sharing of information with the public. The project website will contain meeting information, maps, exhibits, contact information, and the draft PER once it is available.***