

BAC Resolution Regarding Recommendations for Quarter Cent Funds

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) is to advise the City of Austin, and other jurisdictions, on all matters relating to the use of the bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the BAC has a responsibility to make recommendations regarding funding priorities as they relate to bicycling; and

WHEREAS, the City's Quarter Cent Fund was established under an Inter-local agreement between City and Capital Metro relating to regional mobility and transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, City Management plans to work with the new Council to determine how best to utilize this funding to address transportation infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS approximately \$21,800,000 is available in the Quarter Cent Fund for projects that meet one or more of the following criteria: Enhances Regional Mobility; Supports Public Transit; Provides Leverage for Federal or Private Funds; Adds to an Existing Program, Expedites a Critical Mobility Project; and

WHEREAS, the BAC has identified the following projects, listed in prioritized order, which meet the Quarter Cent Fund criteria:


- **UPPER BOGGY CREEK TRAIL - \$1.6M** - The Upper Boggy Creek Trail is envisioned as a shared-use path that will connect the Rosewood and surrounding neighborhoods to the MLK Train Station. The trail improvements are slated to begin just south of E. 12th Street and will extend to terminate at the MLK Train Station. The trail improvements will include widening the trail, installing a new bridge over Boggy Creek, planting almost 60 new trees, an improved crossing of E. 12th Street for bicyclists and pedestrians, and improved protection of the riparian zones along Boggy Creek. A majority of the trail would fall within private property donated by the Meredith Foundation. The uses surrounding the trail will include a large community and teaching garden, a community pavilion or meeting center, and possibly a pump track for bicycles. These uses will only be accessible by walking or bicycling. This portion of the Boggy Creek Trail was included in the Rosewood Neighborhood Plan, adopted by City Council in 2001. The same year, the Upper Boggy Creek Trail was included in the amended budget ordinance number 000912-2 which identified projects for Quarter Cent Funds. Since that time, the Upper Boggy Creek Trail was also included in the MLK Station Area Plan. The Upper Boggy Creek Trail is also within the MLK Imagine Austin Neighborhood Center.
- **AUSTIN BIKE SHARE EXPANSION - \$1M** – Austin B-cycle is the bike share system owned by the City of Austin and managed by the local non-profit organization Bike Share of Austin. This project will expand the City's bike share network of bike share stations with 32 additional stations to grow the program and

serve more of the Austin public. Proposed expansion locations were selected to address current demand, serve underserved communities, engage partners interested in new locations, and leverage matching private funds. Bike Share of Austin will match Quarter Cent funds with a local private match of \$250,000.

- **PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD OVER LONGHORN DAM SAFETY AND MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS – \$3M** - Pleasant Valley Road has a number of challenges including congestion at the Cesar Chavez intersection, poor bicycle and pedestrian safety over Longhorn Dam, and high speeds that create a barrier between adjacent park lands. There is a need to initiate a public process to identify options for improving overall mobility, safety and connectivity for people walking, people bicycling and people driving along Pleasant Valley Road up to, beyond and over the dam. The purpose of the public process is to identify the best options for short-term improvements that utilize existing infrastructure most cost-effectively while at the same time plan for long-term solutions.
- **COUNTRY CLUB CREEK TRAIL PROJECT – \$4.5M** - The Country Club Creek (CCC) Trail will enhance regional mobility by connecting the neighborhoods in the East Riverside Oltorf Combined (EROC) Neighborhood Planning Area to the two major parks in the area, and also to the Roy Butler Trail around Lady Bird Lake. The Trail will also act as the gateway for all of south east Austin to reach the Butler trail. The need for a trail system in south east Austin was identified over 10 years ago. All sections of the trail have been built or funded except for the section from Elmont to Oltorf for which Quarter Cent Funds are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC strongly encourages the City Council to fund the above listed projects using the Quarter Cent Fund.

ADOPTED May 19, 2015

ATTEST: 
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