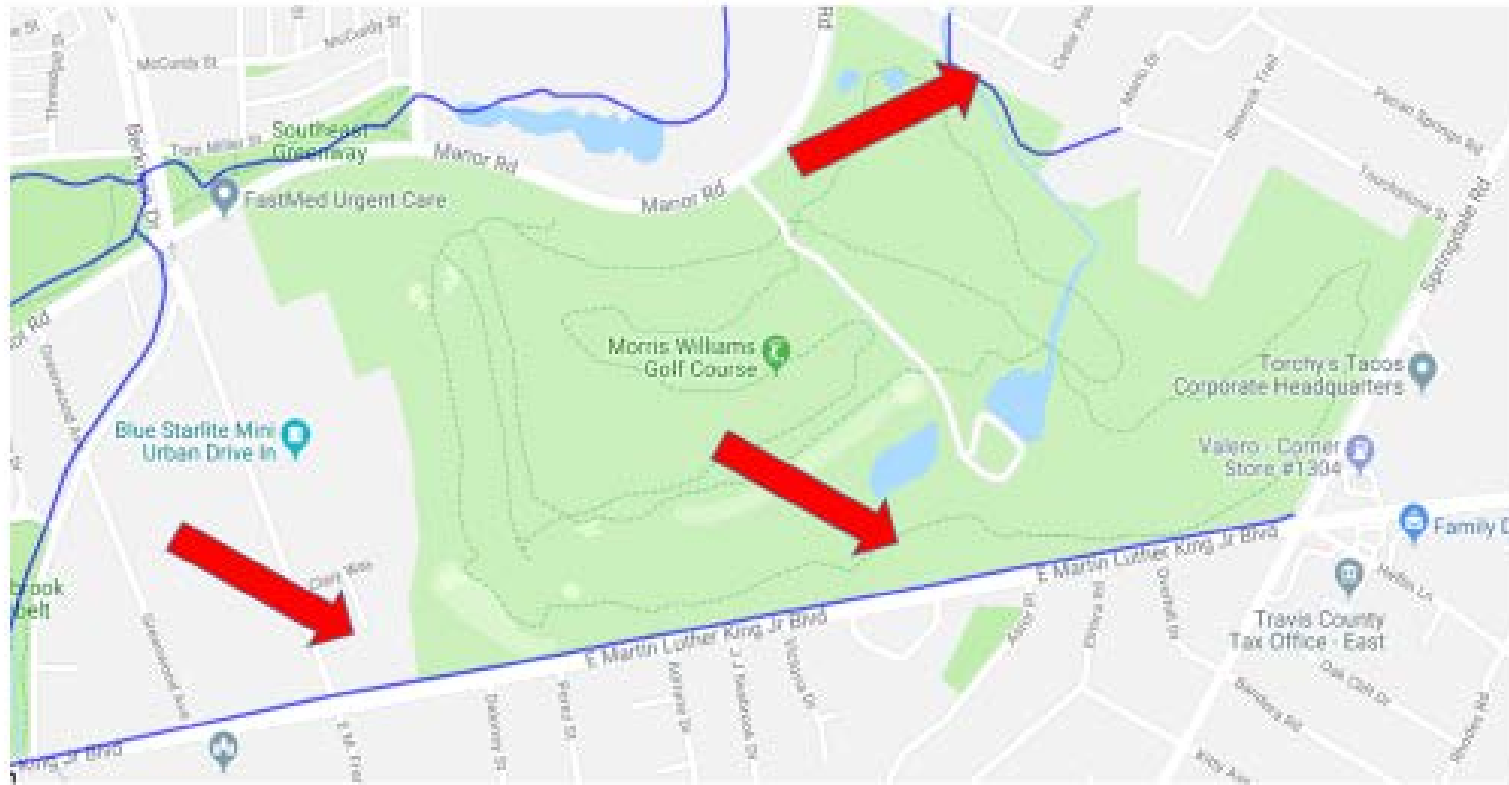


Proposed Trail Connectivity through Morris Williams Golf Course

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Opportunities for Enhanced Connectivity

Option 1



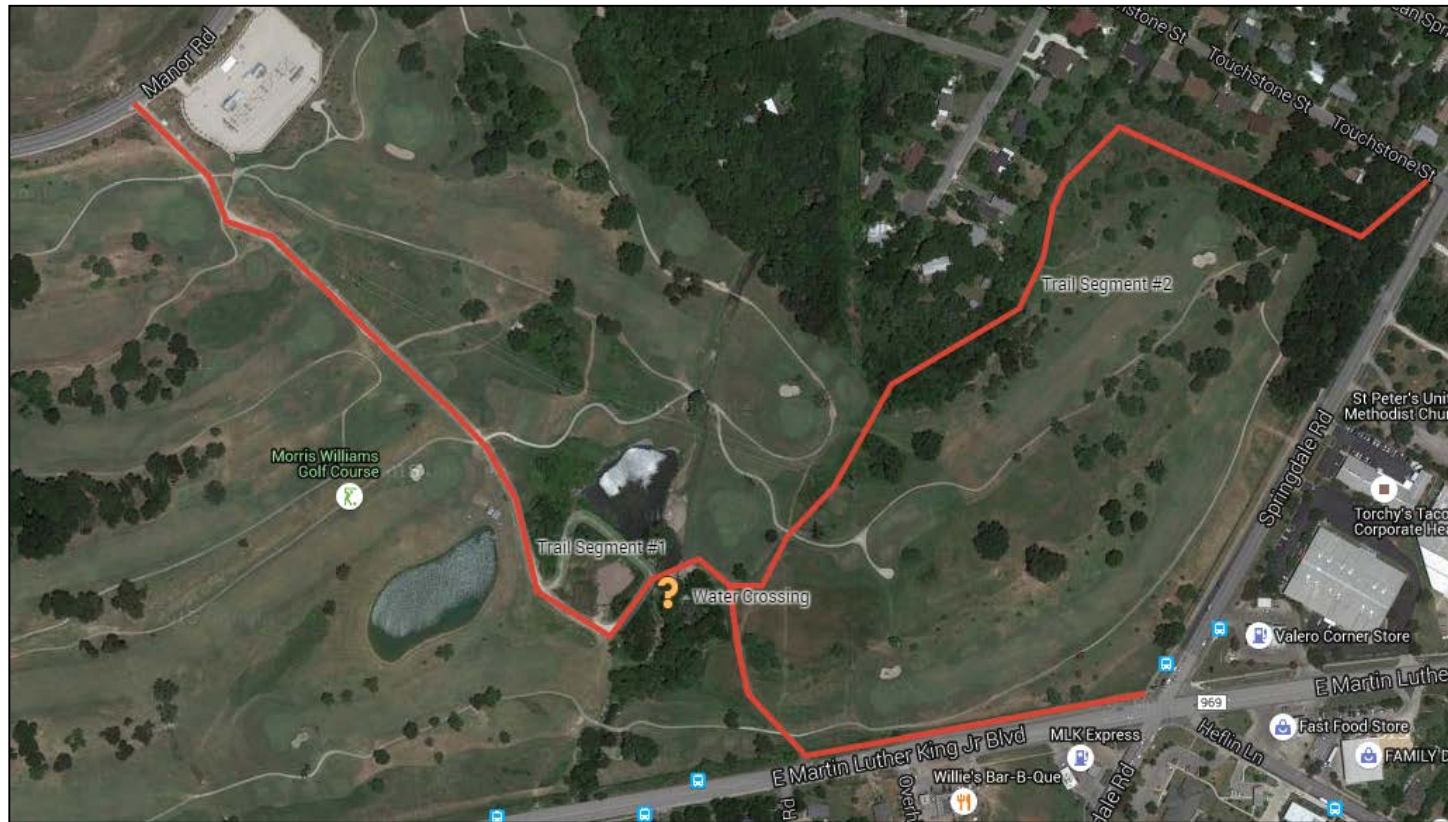
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Opportunities for Enhanced Connectivity

Option 2



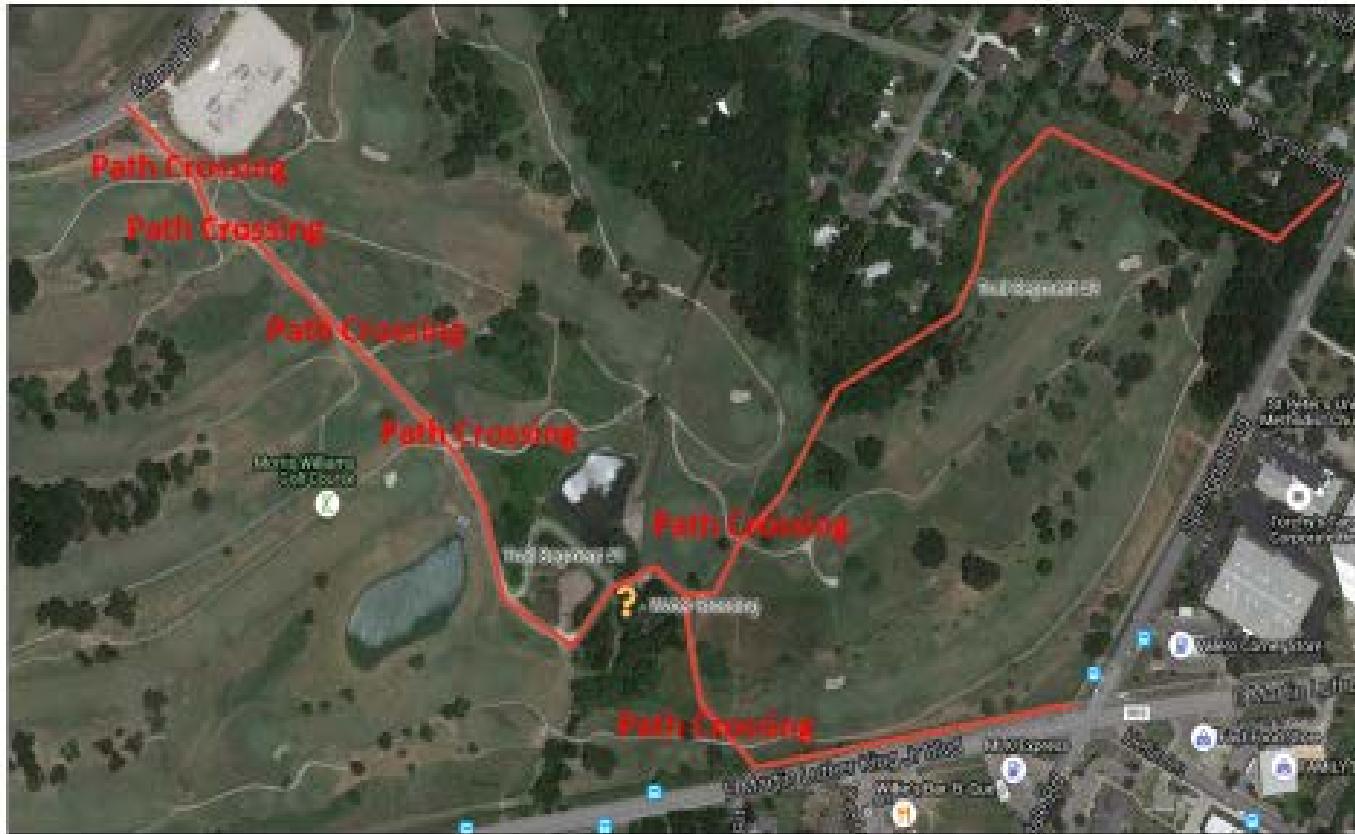
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- To facilitate the development of an “alternative urban multi-modal transportation model in EMLK Planning area that facilitates cycling, walking and alternative modes of transportation.

Urban Transportation Commission

- ▶ The UTC encourages the Austin City Council to allocate 2018 Bond funds to the following projects:
 1. The La Loma Trail
 2. **Hike and bike trail through Morris Williams Golf Course**
 3. Little Walnut Creek Nature Reserve
 4. Connectivity to Springdale Park

Challenges for Managing the Golf Course with Option 2



Cart Path Crossings

Golf Advisory Board

- ▶ On November 16, 2017, the Golf Advisory Board unanimously voted to continue exploring the alternative paths along the boundaries of the Morris Williams golf course and would potentially re-consider the interior path if the questions and concerns identified by the Golf Advisory Board could be resolved.

Concerns

- ▶ PARD cannot support the trail bi-secting the golf course for the following reasons:
 1. Crossing conflicts within the golf course.
 2. Added cost to maintain the new trail cannot be absorbed by the golf budget.
 3. Impacts to a Fee Based Facility.
 4. The City Law Department has concluded that both the City and the golfer who hit the ball could be liable to an injured plaintiff who is on parkland walking or biking on the trail on city parkland near or on a city golf course.

Recommendation

- ▶ PARD supports Option 1 because The Urban Trails Master Plan shows an alternative connection around the golf course to reach the desired destinations.

Questions

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