



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Liana Kallivoka, PhD, PE, Interim Director
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DATE: June 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Zilker Park Working Group Final Report – Resolution 20180628-072

The Zilker Park Working Group (ZPWG) was formed following the passage of [Resolution No. 20180628-072](#) on June 28, 2018. The ZPWG has concluded its process and developed a final report that summarizes primary and alternative recommendations and includes personal statements from individual working group members. The report, support documentation, and appendices can be found at <https://www.austintexas.gov/zpwg>.

In response to the Resolution, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) indefinitely postponed the temporary improvement plan to fortify the Butler landfill cap along Stratford Drive. In addition, PARC cancelled the Request for Qualifications for a planning effort related to the Barton Springs Zone and re-allocated the funding toward the Zilker Metropolitan Park Master Plan. The Zilker Master Plan process, which will be initiated in 2019, will incorporate traffic, parking, circulation, and connectivity studies of the park. Therefore, a separate traffic and parking study will not move forward independent of the master plan process.

Furthermore, on April 11, 2019, a [memo](#) to City Council was issued ahead of the final report that outlined short-term transportation recommendations. PARC is currently working with the Austin Transportation Department, CapMetro, and the Austin Parks Foundation, on implementing increased frequency bus service on summer weekends to Zilker Metropolitan Park, as well as a potential shuttle service pilot for the July 4 weekend.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (512) 974-6717.

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