

GOVALLE NEIGHORHOOD ASSOCIATION

www.govalle.org

April 19, 2021

Re: MoKan Hike/Bike Trail Completion

To Austin City Council, Mayor and Congressman Doggett:

The Govalle Neighborhood Association is in strong support of the completion of the MoKan Trail! This trail would complete a critical piece of neighborhood infrastructure.

EQUITY:

7TH Street and Airport Blvd are major roads that divide the neighborhood. By building this bike path the two sides of Govalle can be reconnected as well as the areas to the south of 7th St. In short the fragmented EAST Austin would get a very large and strong link back together. Crossing Airport BLVD at Bolm is a well-known “difficult” intersection to navigate. The light time is short and the road long. Anyone who’s tried to cross with small children doesn’t attempt it again. The MoKan Trail would mean we never have to attempt this intersection again.

PARKS:

Govalle has no public park. Govalle park is on the other side of Airport BLVD in Johnston Terrace. To get to Govalle Park, Govalle residents must cross Airport Blvd at Bolm. This intersection as mentioned is notoriously difficult and frankly off putting to everyone but the bravest cyclists. MoKan would bypass this intersection allowing folks to ride or walk under Airport BLVD, and access the newly renovated Govalle Park and Pool.

FOOD:

Currently the only safe way to access HEB Grocery on 7th St is to drive. The Moka Trail gives neighbors east of Airport BLVD a safe and quick route to HEB Grocery store.

CULTURE:

Being less than three miles to downtown, many Govalle residents already use bikes as a main source of transportation. They champion multi-modal transportation, taking heart in using a form of transportation that has minimal impact on the environment. From pecan gleaners to lycra enthusiasts we are a neighborhood that relies on and enjoys biking.

Sincerely,

/Jessica L. Eley/

Jessica L. Eley

Co-Chair GNA

/Candace Fox/

Candace Fox

Co-Chair



AUSTIN

OUTSIDE

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

April 13, 2021

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

By a unanimous vote of its [board of directors](#), [Austin Outside](#) supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

The Springdale to E. 5th St segment of the MoKan Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

This project will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to the existing EastLink Trail, the Crosstown Bikeway, the Red Line Trail, the 183A trail and the Montopolis Steel Truss Bridge, and the imminent Wishbone Bridge river crossing at Pleasant Valley Road. By linking these existing trails together, Austinites in surrounding neighborhoods, including those whose budgets may be challenged by the necessity for car trips, will have more options for transportation to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

Austin Outside is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 2019 representing hundreds of Austinites who support active transportation as part of its core mission to champion outdoor spaces for all throughout greater Austin. We support this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for bicycling in Texas.

On behalf of [Austin Outside's coalition of member organizations](#) and supporters, we thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,



Joanna Wolaver, Board President
Austin Outside



The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
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Washington, DC 20515

April 15, 2021

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

BikeTexas supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

This project will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to the existing Eastlink trail, the Crosstown Bikeway, the 183A trail and the 183 bike/ped steel bridge river crossing, the imminent Wishbone Bridge river crossing at Pleasant Valley Road and the proposed the Red Line Trail. By linking these existing trails together, Austinites in surrounding neighborhoods, including those whose budgets may be challenged by the necessity for car trips, will have more options for transportation to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

This trail will be adjacent to property that will be BikeTexas' future home, so we also support this trail as an adjacent landowner.

BikeTexas is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 1991, representing hundreds of Austinites and thousands of other Texans who ride bicycles and support active transportation. We support this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for bicycling in Texas.

Sincerely,

Robin Stallings
Executive Director, BikeTexas



April 14, 2021

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
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Washington, DC 20515

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Hill Country Conservancy supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

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Hill Country Conservancy is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 1999, representing over 100,000 Austinites who enjoy Hill Country Conservancy's Violet Crown Trail and support active transportation. We support this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for active transportation in Texas.

On behalf of Hill Country Conservancy and our supporters, we thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

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Here Forever.



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April 15, 2021

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
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Washington, DC 20515

RE: MoKan Trail Project in Austin, Texas

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Walk Austin is a community-based nonprofit whose mission is to make walking useful, safe, and enjoyable for all Austinites by collaborating with diverse communities and leaders to improve infrastructure, policies, and programs.

We write to strongly support federal grant funding for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in East Austin. Funding this segment of the MoKan Trail would meet key city and regional goals, including the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

This portion of the MoKan Trail will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the South Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to the existing EastLink Trail, the Crosstown Bikeway, the Red Line Trail, the 183A trail, and the forthcoming Wishbone Bridge river crossing at Pleasant Valley Road. By linking these existing trails together, Austinites, especially those who suffer disproportionately from the high costs and impacts of car-ownership, will have more transportation options for accessing important needs such as jobs, groceries, and recreation. This segment of trail will also link into the proposed 30-mile Big Loop which will encircle a large area of Austin north of Lady Bird Lake and would provide one of the city's key facilities for recreation and essential trips.

We wish you all the best in helping to secure federal funding for this vital project. Do let us know if we can be of further assistance in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Greenfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adam" and last name "Greenfield" clearly legible.

Adam Greenfield
Board President, Walk Austin



April 16, 2021

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Austin Youth River Watch supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

The Springdale to E. 5th St segment of the MoKan Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

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Furthermore, Austin Youth River Watch is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 1991, and we work with youth and community members living primarily in the Eastern Crescent of Austin, where there are limited ways for Austinites to safely connect with nature, when compared to other parts of the city. The MoKan Trail will be an asset to improve this condition. We support this project, and we look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for connecting underserved communities to nature in Texas.

On behalf of Austin Youth River Watch and our supporters, we thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

Melinda Chow, Executive Director, Austin Youth River Watch

BIKE AUSTIN

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
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Washington, DC 20515

April 16, 2021

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Bike Austin supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

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Bike Austin is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 1982, representing thousands of Austinites who cycle and support active transportation. We support this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for bicycling in Texas.

On behalf of Bike Austin and our supporters, we thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

Hill Abell
Board Member, Bike Austin

**Robert A. Ayres
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Austin, TX 78703**

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

April 16, 2021

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

I supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

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Thank you for your support for this important community initiative.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Ayres

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April 16, 2021

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Barton Springs Conservancy supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to East 5th Street in Austin.

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Barton Springs Conservancy is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 2014 to improve the Barton Springs experience and representing hundreds of Austinites who support active transportation because we have learned firsthand through our experience at Zilker Park that the user experience in our parks is improved by having pedestrian and bike transportation options that reduce car traffic and parking challenges for visitors to our parks. Accordingly, we support this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader in Texas for active outdoor transportation options.

On behalf of Barton Springs Conservancy and our supporters, we thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

Mike Cannatti
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Creating Common Ground
Ted Siff, Principal

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The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
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Washington, DC 20515

April 14, 2021

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Creating Common Ground supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

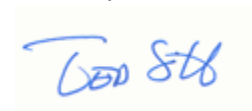
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Creating Common Ground is a for profit land conservation consultancy founded in 1999 and has represented landowners and land trusts in preserving more than 70,000 acres of undeveloped throughout Texas. We support this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader in providing all modes of safe active transportation for its citizens.

On behalf of Creating Common Ground, I thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,



Ted Siff, Principal



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April 15, 2021

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Environment Texas supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

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This project will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to the existing EastLink Trail, the Crosstown Bikeway, the Red Line Trail, the 183A trail, and the Montopolis Steel Truss Bridge, and the imminent Wishbone Bridge river crossing at Pleasant Valley Road. By linking these existing trails together, Austinites in surrounding neighborhoods, including those whose budgets may be challenged by the necessity for car trips, will have more options for transportation to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

Environment Texas is a community-based nonprofit organization, representing thousands of Austinites who participate in and support active transportation. We support this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for bicycling in Texas.

On behalf of Environment Texas and our supporters, we thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

Luke Metzger
Executive Director, Environment Texas



April 16, 2021

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Great Springs Project supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

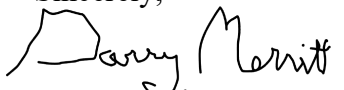
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Great Springs Project is a Central Texas based nonprofit organization that is working to connect a network of trails from the Alamo to the Capitol and protect the watersheds of the iconic springs over the Edwards Aquifer between San Antonio and Austin. We support this project and look forward to seeing Austin and Central Texas continue to grow as leaders for active transportation, parks, open space, and trails in Texas.

On behalf of Great Springs Project and our supporters, we want to thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,



Garry Merritt
Chief Executive Officer

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The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
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Washington, DC 20515

April 19, 2021

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

JW Consulting, an Austin-based nonprofit consulting firm, supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

The Springdale to E. 5th St segment of the MoKan Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

This project will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to the existing EastLink Trail, the Crosstown Bikeway, the Red Line Trail, the 183A trail and the Montopolis Steel Truss Bridge, and the imminent Wishbone Bridge river crossing at Pleasant Valley Road. By linking these existing trails together, Austinites in surrounding neighborhoods, including those whose budgets may be challenged by the necessity for car trips, will have more options for transportation to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

Thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanna Wolaver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'W'.

Joanna Wolaver
Principal, JW Consulting



The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

April 15, 2021

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at The University of Texas at Austin supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

The Springdale to E. 5th St segment of the MoKan Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

This project will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to the existing EastLink Trail, the Crosstown Bikeway, the Red Line Trail, the 183A trail and the Montopolis Steel Truss Bridge, and the imminent Wishbone Bridge river crossing at Pleasant Valley Road. By linking these existing trails together, Austinites in surrounding neighborhoods, including those whose budgets may be challenged by the necessity for car trips, will have more options for transportation to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is a community-based organization founded in 1982, representing thousands of Austinites who value the environment and support active transportation. We support this project as a means to connect people with nature and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for bicycling in Texas.

On behalf of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and our supporters, we thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

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Incoming Interim Executive Director



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April 15, 2021

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
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Washington, DC 20515

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Pease Park Conservancy supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to East 5th Street in Austin.

The Springdale to East 5th St segment of the MoKan Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

This project will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to the existing EastLink Trail, the Crosstown Bikeway, the Red Line Trail, the 183A trail and the Montopolis Steel Truss Bridge, and the imminent Wishbone Bridge river crossing at Pleasant Valley Road. By linking these existing trails together, Austinites in surrounding neighborhoods, including those whose budgets may be challenged by the necessity for car trips, will have more options for transportation to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

Pease Park Conservancy is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 2013, representing thousands of Austinites who celebrate the diverse ecology and history that make Austin's first public park valuable and unique, and support active transportation. We support this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for bicycling in Texas.

On behalf of Pease Park Conservancy and our supporters, we thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

Chuck Smith

Chuck Smith
Chief Operating Officer



April 16th, 2021

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett,

The Red Line Parkway Initiative supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

The Springdale to E. 5th St segment of the MoKan Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and the CAMPO 2045 Plan. It is also referred to as part of the Green Line Trail and Big Loop.

This project will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to the existing Red Line Trail and Parkway, the EastLink Trail, the Crosstown Bikeway, the 183A trail and the Montopolis Steel Truss Bridge, and the imminent Wishbone Bridge river crossing at Pleasant Valley Road. By linking these existing trails together, Austinites in surrounding neighborhoods, including those whose budgets may be challenged by the necessity for car trips, will have more options for transportation to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

The Red Line Parkway Initiative is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 2017, supporting the 32-mile Red Line Trail and Parkway along the Capital MetroRail Red Line from Downtown Austin to Leander. We support the MoKan Trail Project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for bicycling and walking in Texas.

On behalf of the Red Line Parkway Initiative and our supporters, we thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Tom Wald
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April 15, 2021

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Shoal Creek Conservancy supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin. We are an Austin-based 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to champion the Shoal Creek Watershed, including the Shoal Creek hike & bike trail, to create a healthy and vibrant community.

The Springdale to E. 5th St segment of the MoKan Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

This project will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to the existing EastLink Trail, the Crosstown Bikeway, the Red Line Trail, the 183A trail and the Montopolis Steel Truss Bridge, and the imminent Wishbone Bridge river crossing at Pleasant Valley Road. This segment of MoKan also represents a future link in a 30-mile "Big Loop" of urban trails and bikeways traversing the city, including the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, the Northern Walnut Creek Trail, the Red Line Trail, and the Shoal Creek Trail.

The Big Loop is a key part of SCC's Shoal Creek Trail Plan, which outlines the community's vision for a safer, more accessible and more connected trail and bike way along Shoal Creek. Completed in 2018, The Trail Plan represents the culmination of a year-long stakeholder process facilitated by SCC with the active participation of 112 community stakeholder groups.

By linking these existing trails together, Austinites in surrounding neighborhoods, including those whose budgets may be challenged by the necessity for car trips, will have more options for transportation to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

Sincerely,

Ivey Kaiser, Executive Director



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Ivey Kaiser

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The Trail Foundation
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April 15, 2021

Dear Congressman Doggett,

The Trail Foundation supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portions of the MoKan Trail from Springdale Road to East 5th Street in Austin.

The Springdale to E. 5th Street segment of the MoKan Trail is in the City of Austin Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

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The Butler Trail, alone, sees over 4.5 million visitors each year across its 200-acre corridor, with a 20% increase in usage during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the formation of The Trail Foundation in 2003, we are proud to work with local organizations and individuals, building connections between green spaces, transportation corridors, and diverse neighborhoods.

Your support today will ensure Austin can continue to provide important access to trails and nature for all of our residents and our visitors to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Heidi Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



The Trail Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, Tax ID #87-0699956. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. No goods or services were provided in return for this contribution.

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Our mission is to protect, enhance, and connect the Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail at Lady Bird Lake for the benefit of all.