

April 13, 2021

RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

By unanimous vote of its <u>board of directors</u>, <u>Austin Outside</u> supports the <u>Bergstrom Spur</u> Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

The Bergstrom Spur Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

Not only will this trail be a great asset to the neighborhood, providing opportunities for exercise and healthy activity, but it will also connect low-income communities to jobs, services, and shopping. It will help Austin build its brand as a city that embraces both active transportation and recreation by providing a trail from the airport into the city center.

Additionally, this trail will provide retail, restaurant, and other workers a safe way to get to their airport jobs, saving their households money that would be spent on parking and other transportation costs, while also promoting public health and potentially lowering their employers' health care costs. This facility will enable those who live in the area to make fewer trips by car, helping local efforts to improve air quality.

On behalf of <u>Austin Outside's coalition of member organizations</u> and supporters, we want to thank you for the effort you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

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.

Sincerely,

Joanna Wolaver

Austin Outside, Board President

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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

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April 14, 2021

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

RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Hill Country Conservancy supports the Bergstrom Spur Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The Bergstrom Spur 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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On behalf of our supporters, we want to thank you for any effort you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

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.

Sincerely,

Daniel Eck Chief Executive Officer

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RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Barton Springs Conservancy supports the Bergstrom Spur Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

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This project will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to Not only will this trail be a great asset to the neighborhood, providing opportunities for exercise and healthy activity, but it will also connect low-income communities to jobs, services, and shopping. It will help Austin build its brand as a city that embraces both active transportation and recreation by providing a trail from the airport into the city center.

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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 Board President] annatti

Creating Common Ground Ted Siff, Principal

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

April 14, 2021

RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Creating Common Ground supports the <u>Bergstrom Spur</u> Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

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Creating Common Ground is a for profit land conservation consultancy founded in 1999 representing landowners and land trusts conservering more than 70,000 acres of land in Texas. We support this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for all forms of active transportation.

On behalf of our supporters, we want to thank you for any effort 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: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Environment Texas supports the <u>Bergstrom Spur</u> Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

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On behalf of our supporters, we want to thank you for any effort you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

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.

Sincerely, Luke Metzger Executive Director, Environment Texas



April 16, 2021

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

Re: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Great Springs Project supports the Bergstrom Spur Trail from South 1st Street in Austin to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

The Bergstrom Spur Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

Not only will this trail be a great asset to the neighborhood, providing opportunities for exercise and healthy activity, but it will also connect low-income communities to jobs, services, and shopping. It will help Austin build its brand as a city that embraces both active transportation and recreation by providing a trail from the airport into the city center, and will be an important addition to the trail network in Central Texas.

Additionally, this trail will potentially allow retail, restaurant, and other workers to get to their airport jobs, saving their households money that would be spent on parking and other transportation costs, while also promoting public health and potentially lowering their employers' health care costs. This facility will enable those who live in the area to make fewer trips by car, helping local efforts to improve air quality.

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,

Chief Executive Officer

April 19, 2021

RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

JW Consulting, an Austin-based nonprofit consulting firm, supports the <u>Bergstrom Spur</u> Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

The Bergstrom Spur 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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Thank you for any effort you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

Joanna Wolaver

Principal, JW Consulting

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April 15, 2021

RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at The University of Texas at Austin supports the Bergstrom Spur Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

The Bergstrom Spur 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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On behalf of our supporters, we want to thank you for any effort you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

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 and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for bicycling in Texas.

Sincerely,

—DocuSigned by:

Lee Clippard

Incoming Interim Executive Director



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April 15, 2021

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

RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Pease Park Conservancy supports the Bergstrom Spur Trail Project from South First Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

The Bergstrom Spur 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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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

Chief Operating Officer

Chuck Smith





April 16th, 2021

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

Re: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett,

The Red Line Parkway Initiative supports the Bergstrom Spur Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

The Bergstrom Spur 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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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 Bergstrom Spur Trail Project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for bicycling and walking in Texas.

On behalf of our supporters, we want to thank you for any effort you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Tom Wald

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April 16, 2021

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

RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Save Barton Creek Association supports the Bergstrom Spur Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. This trail will be an important new trail connection for South Austin, allowing for recreation and transportation.

It will be a great asset to nearby residents, providing opportunities for exercise and healthy activity, and a transportation connection to jobs, services, and shopping from South Austin to the Airport.

This core transportation project in an auto-centric part of our City will build out the infrastructure needed to help us shift transportation patterns to a more sustainable and climate-friendly model. This facility will also help local efforts to improve air quality, by reducing car trips.

The Bergstrom Spur Trail will serve as a backbone that will hopefully allow for future connections to parks and greenspaces such as the Williamson Creek greenbelt. The Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

As you know, Save Barton Creek Association is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 1979, representing hundreds of Austinites' concerns about urban environmental issues. We enthusiastically support trails including this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader in parks and trails.

We want to thank you for any effort you are making to secure federal funding for the Bergstrom Spur.

Sincerely,

Angela Richter, Executive Director

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April 15, 2021

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

RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Shoal Creek Conservancy supports the <u>Bergstrom Spur</u> Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. 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 Bergstrom Spur 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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On behalf of our supporters, we want to thank you for any effort you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,

Ivey Kaiser, Executive Director

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April 15, 2021

Dear Congressman Doggett,

The Trail Foundation supports the Bergstrom Spur Trail from S. First Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The Bergstrom Spur 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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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

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April 15, 2021

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

RE: Bergstrom Spur 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 in strong support of federal grant funding for the <u>Bergstrom Spur</u> trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The proposed trail would provide valuable east-west walking and bicycling travel in an area of Austin severely lacking in such vital infrastructure. The trail would also facilitate safe exercise and activity and would connect countless people, including low-income communities, to jobs and services.

The Bergstrom Spur Trail would be a significant step forward in addressing the great demand for safe walking and bicycling in Austin. A recent poll revealed that 55% of Austinites would rather get around in a way other than driving, but cannot because of a lack of adequate infrastructure. As people in low-income communities of color are disproportionately impacted by the costs of car ownership and of vehicular-related bodily harm, the Bergstrom Spur Trail would have significant equity benefits for Austin by providing safe alternatives to driving. Furthermore, the trail would help accomplish key City of Austin and regional goals, including the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and the CAMPO 2045 Plan, all of which include the Bergstrom Spur Trail as a priority project.

On behalf of all Austinites, thank you for your efforts to secure federal funding for this crucial project.

Sincerely,

Adam Greenfield

Board President, Walk Austin



April 16, 2021

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

RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Austin Youth River Watch supports the <u>Bergstrom Spur</u> Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

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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 Bergstrom Spur 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 our supporters, we want to thank you for any effort you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely.

Melinda Chow, Executive Director, Austin Youth River Watch



April 16, 2021

RE: Bergstrom Spur Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

Bike Austin supports the <u>Bergstrom Spur</u> Trail from South 1st Street to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

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On behalf of our supporters, we want to thank you for any effort you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

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.

Sincerely,

Hill Abell Board Member, Bike Austin

Robert A. Ayres 2408 Keating Lane Austin, TX 78703

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April 16, 2021

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Thank you for your support for this important community initiative.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Ayres