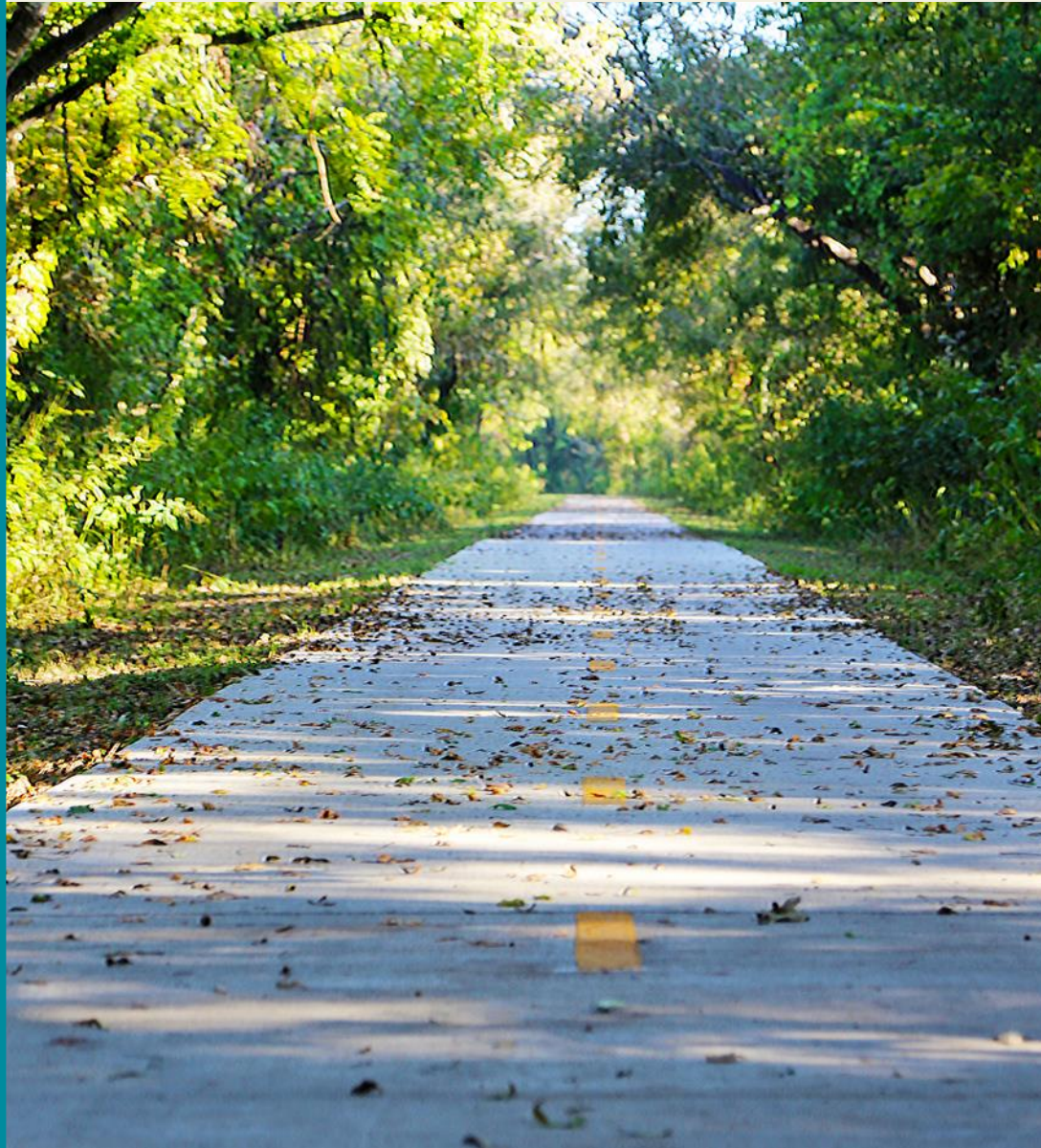


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Urban Trail Updates

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Urban Trails Planning



2014 Urban Trails Plan

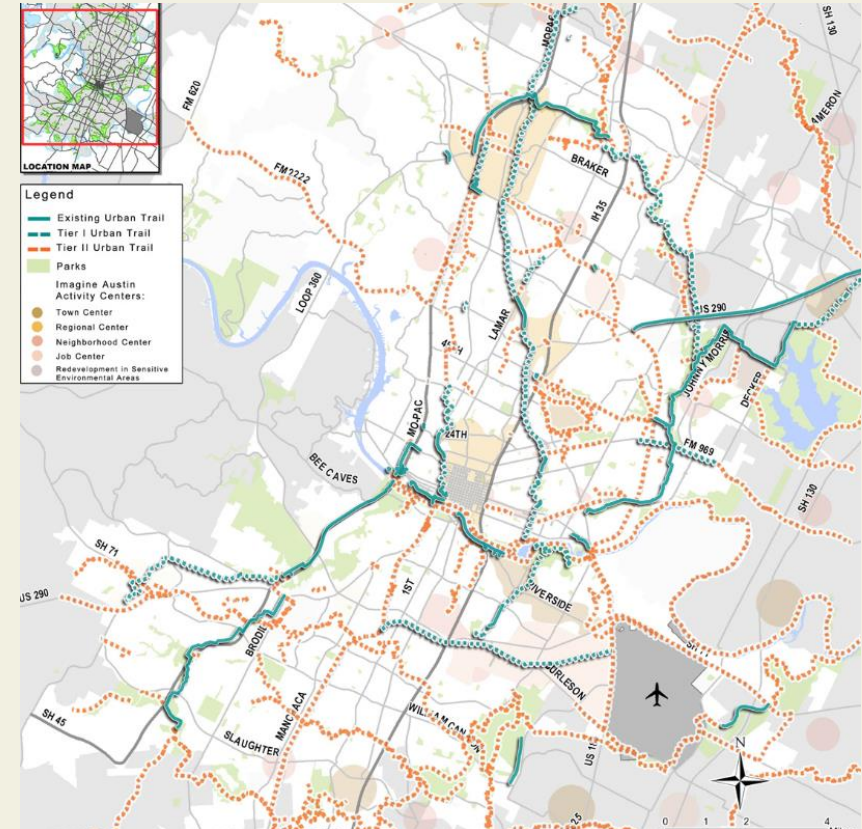
- Defined an Urban Trail:
 - Hard surface, ADA accessible
 - Typically 12 – 15 ft in width
- Identified **47 miles of Tier 1** (high priority trails) and **360 miles of Tier 2 Trails**

Austin Strategic Mobility Plan

- Established indicators and targets for Trails
 - Increase the linear miles of Tier I urban trails
 - Increase wayfinding elements on existing urban trails
 - Improve lighting for existing urban trails
 - Increase trail usage
 - Reduce the response time to address unforeseen trail damage

Plan Update Underway

- Urban Trails Plan will be updated as part of ATX Walk Bike Roll



Urban Trail Policy



Council Resolution 20200220-045: tasked staff to create an urban trails stakeholder group to recommend code changes or administrative process changes with the goal of making the design and permitting of urban trails more efficient

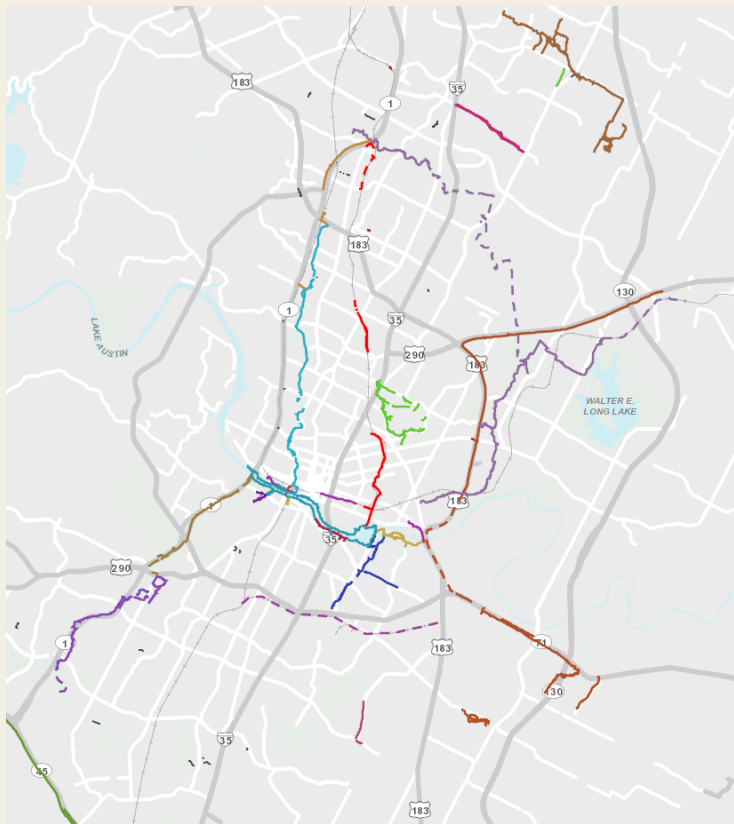
Recommendations provided to Council in January of 2021 include:

- Formalize the process for Watershed Department staff to provide a pre-submittal review of trail projects
- Use DSD staff discretion as permitted in code to review trail projects that require site plan as small projects
- Specific code changes to clarify interpretation and treat trail projects similar to road projects as it relates to cut and fill allowances

Underway

- Hiring of trail staff funded by bond projects to be managed by the Watershed Protection Department to aid in environmental review

Existing Urban Trail Network



- Approximately **60 miles** of Urban Trails exist in Austin as of May 2021
- **Funded by the 2016 bond, Urban Trails has completed**
 - 3 Preliminary Engineer Reports
 - 1 Planning Study
 - 1 segment of Country Club Creek Trail
 - 7 trail connectors
- **8 miles** of trail are in **design**

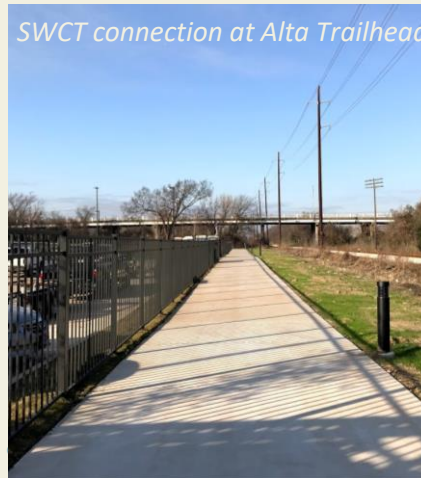
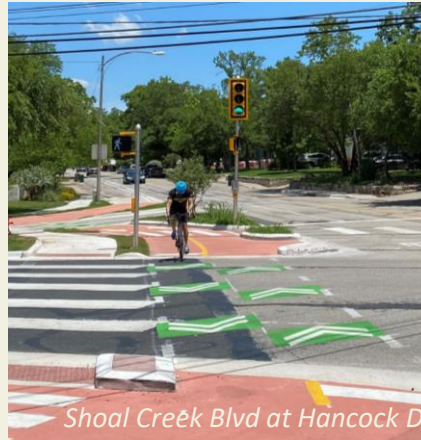
Partner Projects



Trail Partners:

- Safe Routes to School
- Austin Transportation Dept
- Sidewalks and Special Projects
- Parks and Recreation Dept
- TxDOT
- CTRMA
- Private developers
- Trail advocates
- And others

Shared goal of creating an
All Ages and Abilities Network



2016 Mobility Bond – Active Projects



Copperfield Connector, 0.15 miles (District 1)

- Connects Pegotty Place, Abbey Glen Lane, Shropshire Blvd and Copperfield Elementary School
- Construction to begin summer 2021

Northern Walnut Creek Trail 2A, 1 mile (District 7)

- Connects from Walnut Creek Metro Park to North Lamar Blvd and Oak Brook Drive
- Construction to begin 2021



Shoal Creek Underpass at 2222, 0.1 mile (District 7)

- Provides safe crossing along Shoal Creek Blvd Bikeway at 2222
- Construction to begin 2021

Violet Crown Trail North, 1 mile (District 8)

- Extends VCT south from Home Depot Blvd to William Cannon Dr with a safe crossing under Mopac
- Construction to begin 2021

2016 Mobility Bond – Active Projects



Red Line Trail at Crestview

Austin to Manor, 2.9 miles (District 1, ETJ)

- Connects the existing Austin to Manor Trail at Lindell Lane and extends to Ben E. Fischer Park
- Construction to begin 2023

Country Club Creek Trail, 1 mile (District 3)

- Last segment of Country Club Creek Trail from Elmont Drive to East Oltorf Street
- Construction to begin 2023

Red Line Trail NWCT to Braker, 0.75 mile (District 4, 7)

- Connects Braker Lane to the existing Northern Walnut Creek Trail System
- Construction to begin 2024

2020 Bond – Upcoming Projects



Northern Walnut Creek Trail – Phase 3

- 8-mile project, connecting Northern Walnut Creek Trail at IH-35, south to Southern Walnut Creek Trail
- RFQ is being developed to hire consultants for design of entire 8 miles

Bergstrom Spur Trail

- 6-mile rails to trails project in South Austin, from Vinson Drive to US 183 and the Austin Bergstrom International Airport
- 3 consultants are being brought on board to design segments of the trail, right-of-way acquisition is underway



2020 Bond – Next Steps



- Continued **equity review** for project selection
- **Hiring** 2 Project Coordinators for expanded staff capacity
- **Public Outreach**
- Build on **partnerships** with agencies such as Austin Energy and Capital Metro



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