

CIVITAN NEIGHBORHOOD PARK  
MINI-PITCH PARTNERSHIP  
Improvement Proposal  
September 2021



# PROJECT INFO | CIVITAN MINI-PITCH PROPOSAL

In partnership with Austin FC and the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) proposes creating a new soccer mini-pitch for the Austin community at Civitan Neighborhood Park.

## **Background**

The partnership project was proposed through the PARC Community Activated Park program. The tennis court to be converted is in poor shape and underutilized. The transformation of one of the two tennis courts into a mini-pitch will provide a safe and exciting space for people to play soccer. The project will include state-of-the-art Mini-Pitch System manufactured by Musco Sports Lighting, allowing the space to be safely utilized for soccer in the evening.

## **Funding**

Initial funding for construction and maintenance will be provided through Austin FC and their partners. PARC will also be undertaking additional improvements at the site. The property and maintenance will be maintained by PARC beyond the initial funding.



## FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING PARTNERS

- [Austin FC](#)
  - Founded in 2018, Austin FC is an American professional soccer club whose season began in 2021. The club competes in Major League Soccer as a member of the Western Conference.
- [U.S. Soccer Foundation](#)
  - Established in 1994, the U.S. Soccer Foundation serves as a major charitable organization of soccer in the United States. Their mission is to “provide underserved communities access to innovative play spaces and evidence-based soccer programs that instill hope, foster well-being, and help youth achieve their fullest potential.”
- [4ATX Foundation](#)
  - 4ATX Foundation seeks to close the opportunity gap and create Austin’s next generation of leaders by providing access to youth development opportunities on and off the pitch.



# SAFE PLACES TO PLAY PROGRAM

- **What is the Safe Places to Play Program?**
  - Safe Places to Play Program falls within the U.S. Soccer Foundation and aims to provide children in underserved communities with the resources to have a safe place to play soccer in their neighborhoods. The goal is to transform underutilized areas in the community into soccer fields or facilities.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



## MINI-PITCHES

ACCORDING TO IMPACT SURVEY RESULTS, **COMMUNITY PARTNERS** REPORTED THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THEIR MINI-PITCHES:

**98%**

SAY THAT PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY ARE MORE ACTIVE

**98%**

SAY THAT THEIR COMMUNITY FEELS SAFER

**97%**

SAY THEIR PITCH IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

**93%**

SAY THEIR MINI-PITCH SERVES AS A COMMUNITY HUB

**88%**

SAY THEIR SOCCER-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING HAS INCREASED

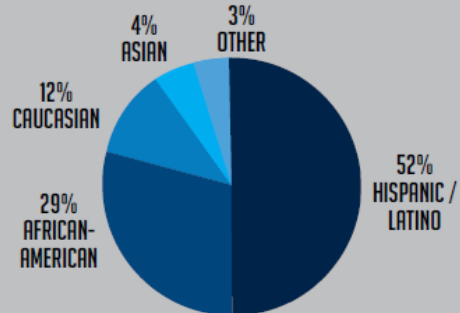
**32%**

OF MINI-PITCH USERS ARE NEW TO SOCCER ON AVERAGE

**4:** THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS OF PROGRAMMED TIME PER DAY ON EACH MINI-PITCH

**2.75:** DAILY ADDITIONAL HOURS OF PLAY MADE POSSIBLE BY MINI-PITCH LIGHTING

## USER DEMOGRAPHICS (AVERAGE PER PITCH)



69% ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS



# PROJECT AND PROGRAM IMPACT | NATIONAL DATA



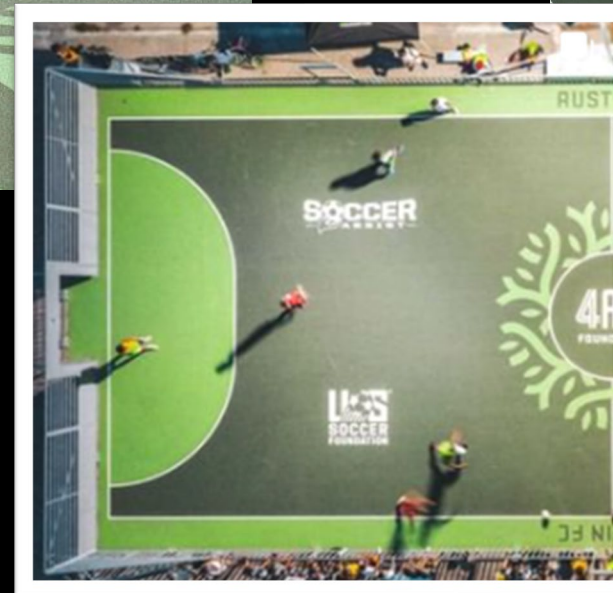


# PROJECT TIMELINE

## **When will construction start?**

- Community engagement will begin in September and continues to the beginning of October. If the new mini-pitch is supported by the community, construction on the new mini-pitch will begin in late fall 2021.

# WOOLDRIDGE SCHOOL PARK MINI-PITCH COMPLETED IN FALL 2020





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **How do I provide input?**

- Community Survey
  - Open September 4<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Community Pop-ups
  - In-person tabling opportunities during September. Each pop-up will observe COVID recommendations, such as remaining outside, maintaining 6 feet of distance, and wearing a mask.
    - Anticipated locations:
      - Montopolis Recreation and Community Center
      - Allison Elementary
      - ACC Riverside
      - Civitan Neighborhood Park, near Mariposa Learning Center





# QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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