



LA LOMA TRAIL PUBLIC MEETING

September 24, 2019



AGENDA



- About the Urban Trails Program
- La Loma Project Team
- Project Summary
- Preliminary Engineering Report
- Public Input & Question – Open House Format



URBAN TRAIL GOALS

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1. Easy **access** to transportation + recreation users from all parts of the City
2. **Connect** to on-street bicycle + sidewalk networks
3. **Adequate width** to accommodate transportation + recreation users
4. Include **trail amenities/features** that create unique greenways
5. **Adequate funding** and resources to **maintain + operate**
6. **Context-sensitive, environmentally sustainable, preservation + improvement** upon wildlife habitat



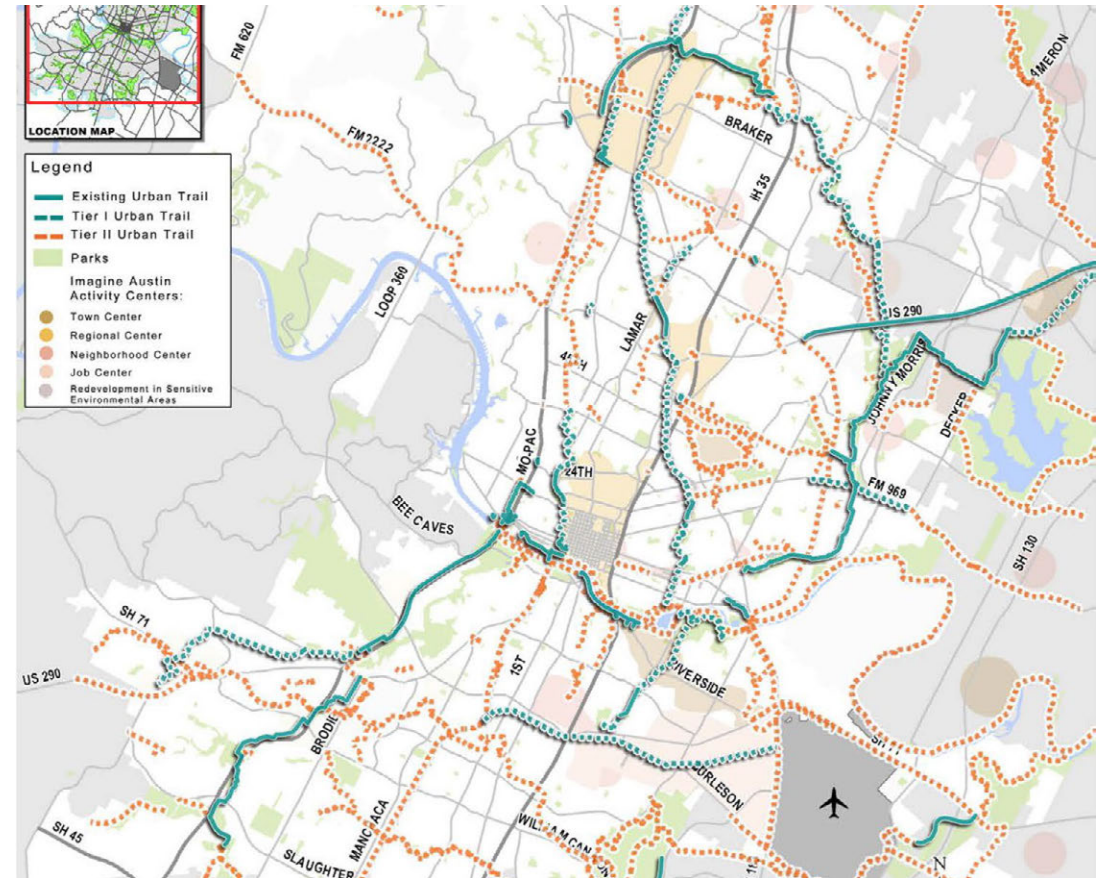


URBAN TRAILS PLAN

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- Completed October 2014
- Proposed Tier 1 Trails:
47 Miles
- Proposed Tier 2 Trails:
360 Miles



PROJECT SUMMARY



CITY OF AUSTIN PROJECT TEAM

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- **Sponsor Department:** Austin Public Works (Urban Trails Program)
- **Project Manager:** Jose A Ibarra, P.E. , Austin Public Works
- **Urban Trail Program Manager:** Katie Wettick, AICP, Austin Public Works
- **Public Information Officer:**Carolynn Calabrese, Austin Public Works
- **Project Engineer:** Jothika Thivakaran, P.E. , COA Engineering Services Division
Project Engineer



TRAIL ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

- Sara Dr to Southern Walnut Creek Trail
- 2,500 linear ft

Alternative 2

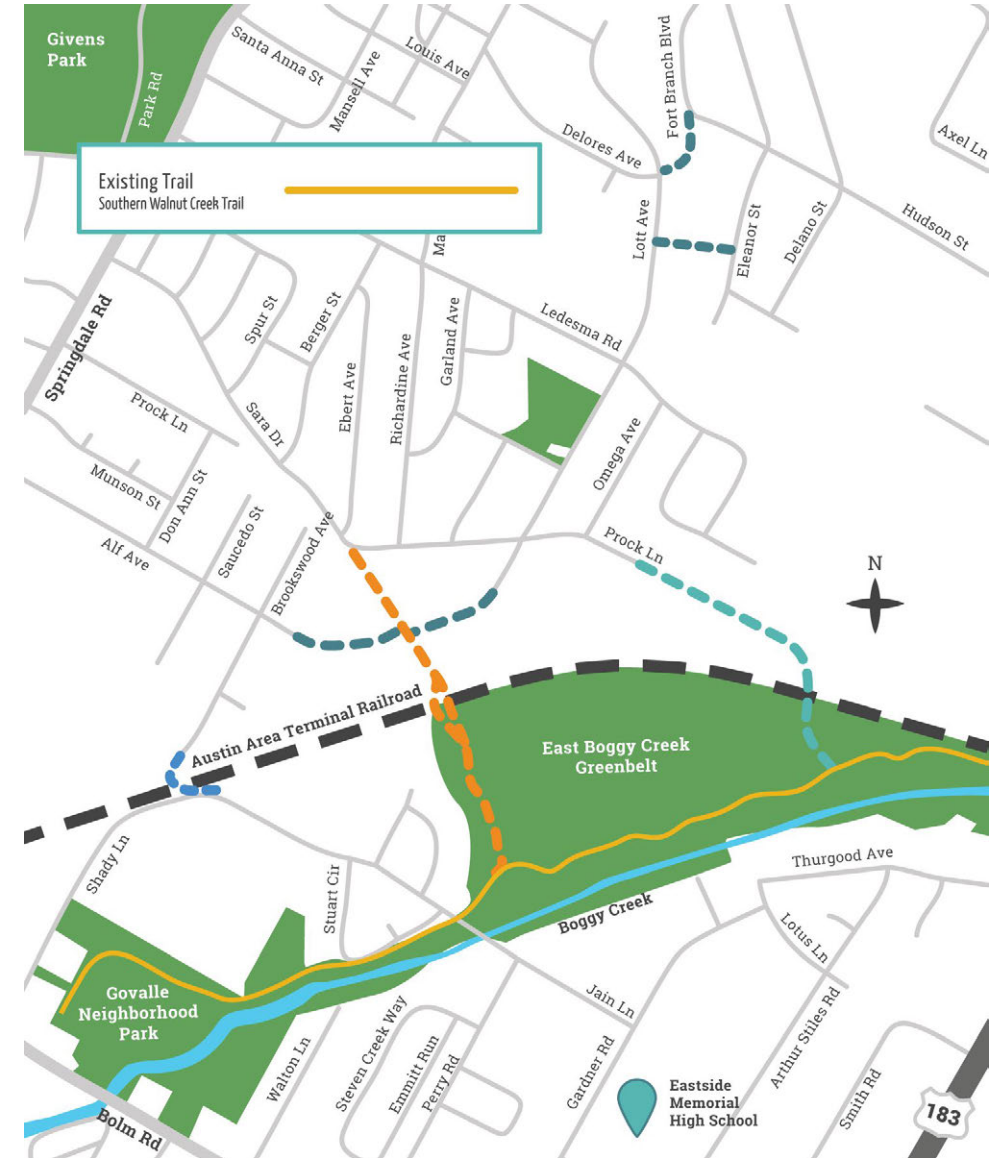
- Brookwood Ave to Jain Ln
- 300 linear ft (and sidewalk improvements)

Alternative 3:

- Prock Ln to Southern Walnut Creek Trail
- 1,800 linear ft

Lott Avenue Connections

- Additional neighborhood connectivity





EVALUATION FACTORS

- Public feedback
- Cost
- Topography, Accessibility
- Tree Canopy Impacts
- Connectivity
- Location of Utilities
- Property Ownership
- Surrounding Land Use
- Floodplain/Drainage
- Environmental
- Erosion Hazard Zone
- Wildlife Habitat

Railroad Crossing



Railcar Storage



Tannehill Creek



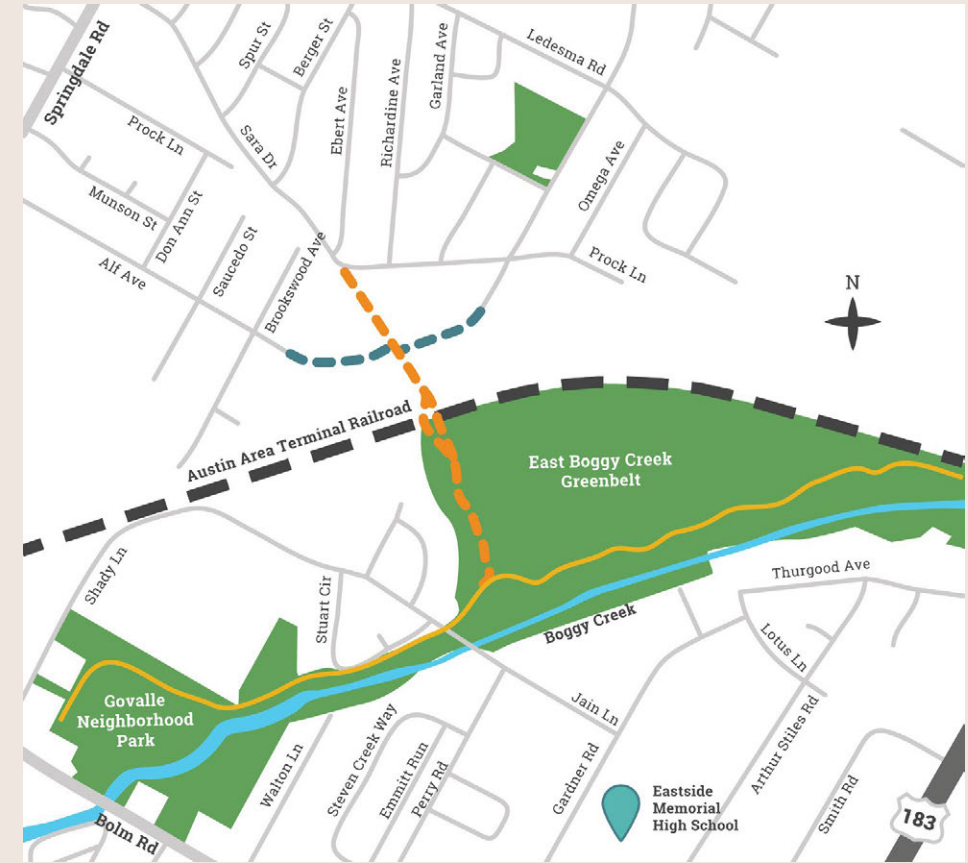
Existing Path





ALTERNATIVE 1

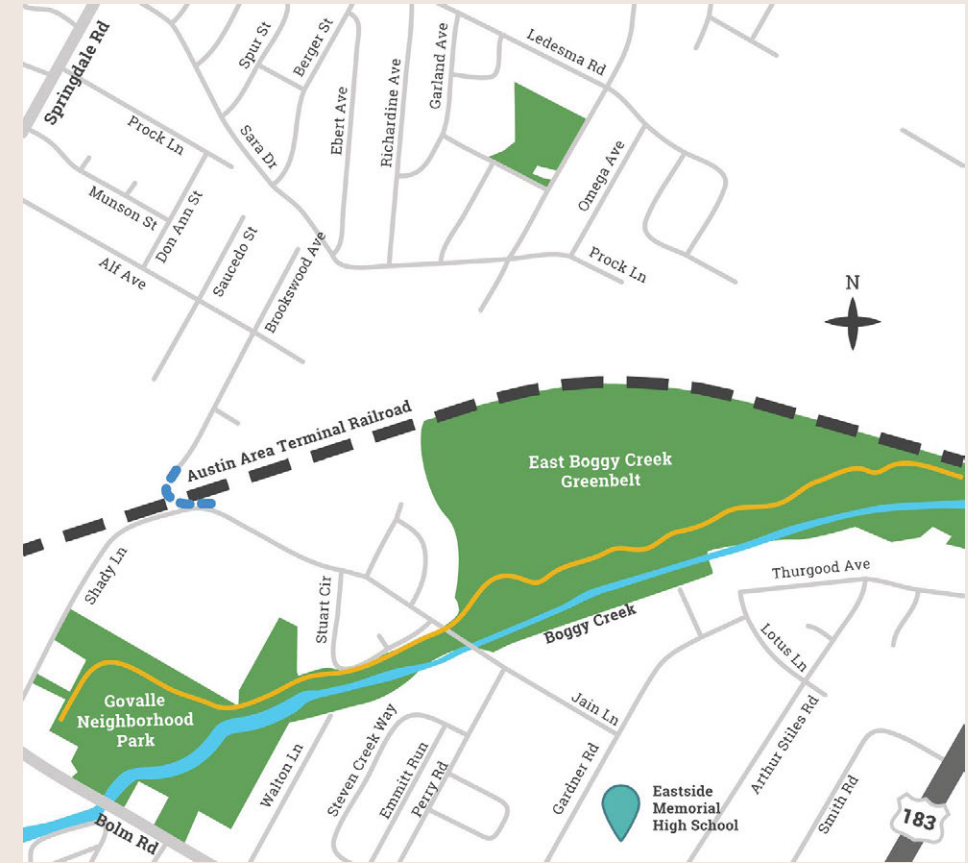
- Route currently used by Eastside Memorial High School Students
- Connects to Southern Walnut Creek Trail
- Majority of trail located within City of Austin property
- Convenient tie-in with Capital Metro Bus route at Sara Drive and Prock Lane





ALTERNATIVE 2

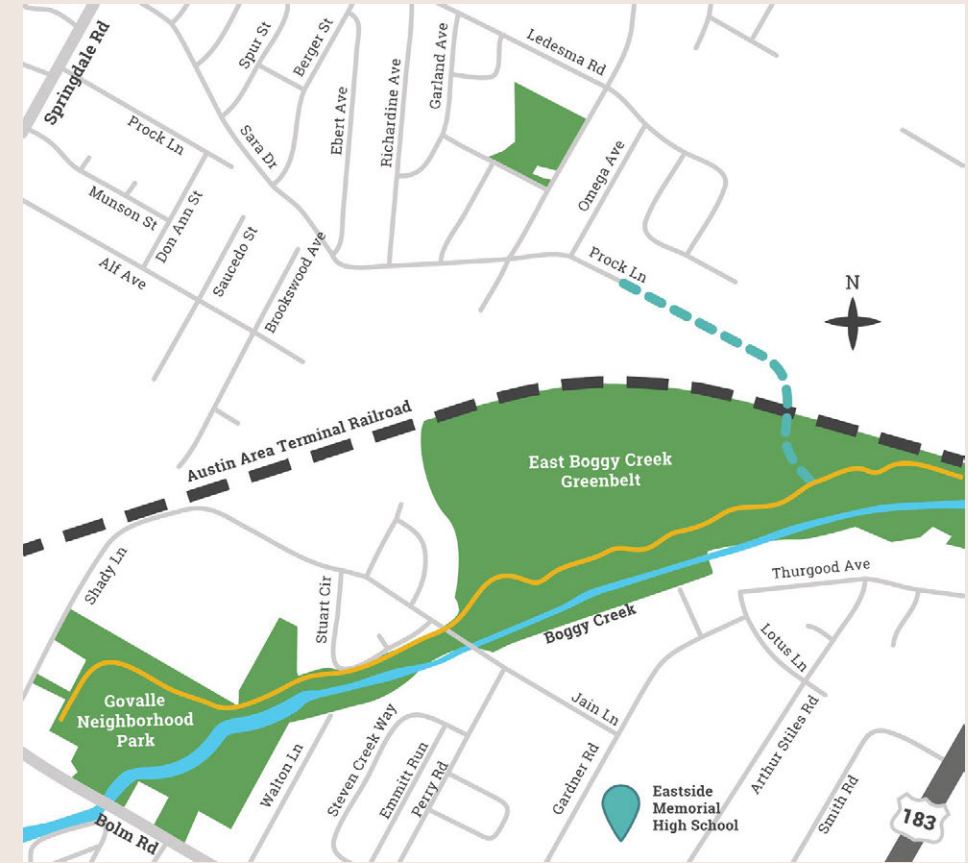
- Connects neighborhoods on both sides of Austin Area Terminal Railroad tracks
- Least environmental impact
- Farther from Eastside Memorial High School





ALTERNATIVE 3

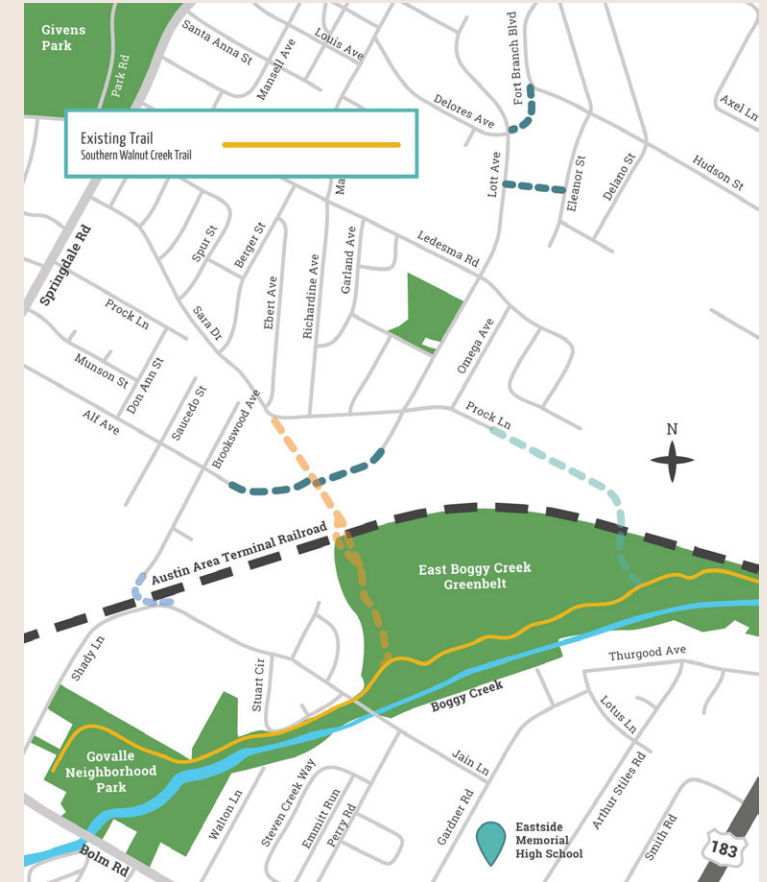
- Farthest from current main student route (add ½ mile to school route)
- Connects to Southern Walnut Creek Trail
- Greater potential impact on trees along route





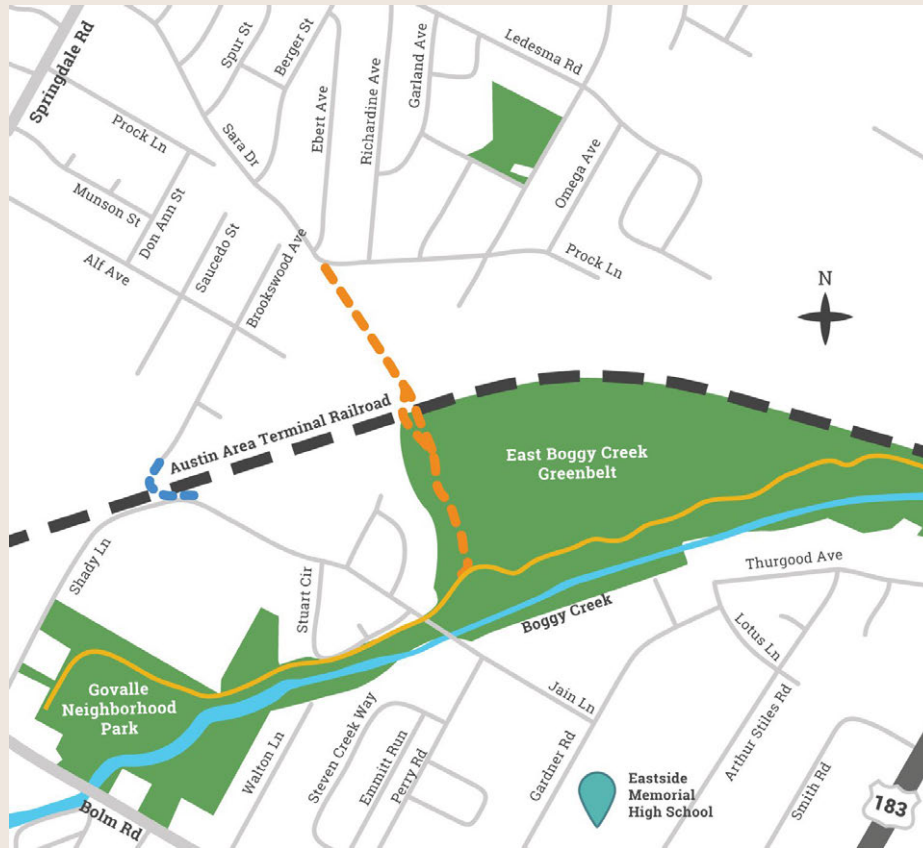
LOTT AVENUE CONNECTION

- **Option 1:** 450 linear ft of trail connecting Eleanor Street with Lott Avenue.
- **Option 2:** 400 LF of trail connecting Lott Avenue with Fort Branch Blvd.





FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS



- **Alternative 1: Sara Dr to Southern Walnut Creek Trail**
 - **Cost:** \$5.25 million
 - 2,500 linear ft
- **Alternative 2: Brookswood Ave to Jain Ln**
 - **Cost:** \$4.67 million
 - 300 linear ft (and sidewalk improvements)



THANK YOU

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