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**BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND
GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD**

January 5, 2015

3:00 P.M.

City Hall

2nd Floor Conference Room

1101 Texas Avenue

College Station, Texas



AGENDA

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday January 5, 2015, 3:00 PM
City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas, 77840

1. Call to Order
2. Hear Visitors - At this time, the Chairman will open the floor to citizens wishing to address the Board on issues not already scheduled on today's agenda. The citizen presentations will be limited to three minutes in order to accommodate everyone who wishes to address the Board and to allow adequate time for completion of the agenda items. The Board will receive the information, ask city staff to look into the matter, or will place the matter on a future agenda for discussion. (A recording is made of the meeting; please give your name and address for the record.)
3. Consideration, possible action, and discussion to approve meeting Minutes.
 - December 1, 2014
4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding Existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Standards Contained in the Non-Residential Architectural Standards.
5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding Trail Project Priorities.
6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding Plan of Work.
7. Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.
 - January 5, 2014 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
 - January 15, 2014 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
 - February 2, 2014 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 3:00 p.m.
8. Possible action and discussion on future agenda items – A Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board Member may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.
9. Adjourn.

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board of the City of College Station, Texas will be held on Monday January 5, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas. The following subjects will be discussed, to wit: See Agenda

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MINUTES

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

**Monday December 1, 2014 3:00 PM
College Station City Hall
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas, 77840**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Blanche Brick, James Batenhorst, Scott Shafer, Robert Lightfoot, Brandon Boatcallie, Phillip Lasley and Jon Denton

STAFF PRESENT: Greenways Program Manager Venessa Garza and Board Secretary Kristen Hejny

VISITORS PRESENT: Dr. Teresa Qu's Class, Brad McCaleb with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

Chairman Brick called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Hear Visitors

There were visitors available to speak with the Board on Agenda Item No. 4 and Agenda Item No. 5.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting Minutes.

Board Member Denton motioned to approve the meeting Minutes, from October 6, 2014. The motion was seconded by Board Member Batenhorst and was approved (7-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a Bike Share Program.

Dr. Teresa Qu's PLAN 674: Transportation Systems Analysis class was available to share their research and finding on their Bike Share Travel Demand Analysis.

Board Member Boatcallie asked if the projected results versus the actual results with the existing program showed any anticipated results.

Dr. Qu explained that there is no true comparison between the projected and actual results of the study because of the short and long term trips. However, bike sharing has quadrupled in the year 2014.

Board Member Lasley asked if the optimal solution to biking was found to be round trip biking or a one-way program.

Dr. Qu explained that a one-way program is more convenient, but round trip biking makes more sense.

Mr. Boatcallie asked how the group proposes to balance too many or not enough bikes at stations.

Dr. Qu stated that the study proposed 19 stations which should make the program workable and keep the bike distribution even.

Board Member Shafer asked how the class determined their attractor and generator locations for the analysis.

Dr. Qu said that the locations were based on a 2012 report done on this area and also based on the functionality of the area.

Board Member Lasley asked if any estimations were taken into account based on future developments planned for the Northgate area.

Dr. Qu stated that the class used the available data for new and planned developments in that area for the study.

Mr. Lasley asked that other areas be studied for a Bike Sharing Program.

Chairman Brick asked if the Board could be presented with a cost to do a city-wide feasibility study for a bike share program.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the Draft 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategies.

Brad McCaleb was available to share an update on the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; the proposed Memorandum of Understanding for a regional bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure coordination program; and an adopted funding policy for bicycle and pedestrian only projects..

Mr. Boatcallie asked if the proposition one projections for funding are still accurate.

Mr. McCaleb explained that they are still accurate.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding Plan of Work.

This item was tabled due to time constraints and will be presented at a later meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.

- December 4, 2014 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- January 5, 2014 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room ~ 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Possible action and discussion on future agenda items – A Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board Member may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

No future agenda items were mentioned.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Blanche Brick, Chairman

Kristen Hejny, Board Secretary



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 5, 2015

TO: Members of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board

FROM: Jason Schubert, AICP, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: **Existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Standards Contained in the Non-Residential Architectural Standards**

Item: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding existing bicycle and pedestrian standards contained in the non-residential architectural standards.

Background: An item within the 2014 Planning & Zoning Commission Plan of Work included a review of the existing Non-Residential Architecture (NRA) Standards contained in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to evaluate if updates are needed to reflect current practices and allow more flexibility in design. Staff has held multiple workshop meetings with the Commission, local architects, and the development community to summarize the existing standards and seek input on potential revisions. Though non-architectural types of standards are contained in the NRA section, the impetus for the changes largely relate to concerns about the effect the requirements have on building design.

As the amendment would alter how the bicycle and pedestrian standards apply to projects subject to NRA, the UDO requires the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board to provide a recommendation regarding the ordinance to the Planning & Zoning Commission. As ordinance language has not been drafted yet, the purpose of this item is to provide an overview of the existing bicycle and pedestrian standards and outline the anticipated approach to the revisions. An item to consider proposed revisions will be scheduled for a future Board meeting, likely in March.

The NRA Standards were initially implemented in 2003 with the adoption of the UDO and expanded in 2004 to their current scope. The Northgate districts are exempt from the NRA standards as they have their own architectural, bicycle, pedestrian, and other zoning requirements. Changes proposed with this will only seek to revise NRA Standards and will not change any of the standards for the Northgate districts. Included below is a summary of the bicycle and pedestrian standards contained in the current NRA Standards:

Summary of Bicycle and Pedestrian Standards Contained in the NRA Standards

Applicability – The Non-Residential Architectural (NRA) Standards section applies to the development, redevelopment and façade changes to all non-residential buildings with the following specific exceptions:

- **Zoning:** Developments in the following zoning districts are exempt from the requirements: BPI Business Park Industrial, M-1 Light Industrial, M-2 Heavy Industrial, R&D Research & Development, NG-1 Core Northgate, NG-2 Transitional Northgate, NG-3 Residential Northgate, and BP Business Park is also exempt except for the buildings along the periphery of a BP district.
- **Uses:** These uses are exempt from the requirements regardless of the zoning district in which they are located: Churches, Primary & Secondary Educational Facilities (schools), Municipal Industrial Facilities, and private utility buildings that are screened from public or private rights-of-way.

Bicycle Facilities –

- **Number Required**
 - Each building is to have bike racks capable of storing at least 4 bicycles.
 - Multi-tenant centers that have over 50,000 gross square feet must have bike racks for at least 8 bicycles and no tenant entrance is to be farther than 150 feet from a bike rack.
 - In the newly adopted MU Mixed-Use district, there must be bike facilities for at least 1 bike per 15,000 square feet of non-residential use and one for every 2 dwelling units.
- **Design**
 - The minimum pad area for bike facilities is 9 feet by 6 feet.
 - Bike racks are to have at least 3 feet of separation from buildings, landscaping, and other site features or conflicts.
 - Bike facilities must support a bicycle frame at two points. The City's Site Design Standards specify an inverted U bike rack as the standard to be provided.

Pedestrian Facilities –

- In developments and building plots over 50,000 gross square feet, pedestrian walkways of at least 5 feet in width are to connect the public street sidewalks, transit stops, parking areas, and other buildings. Walkways within a parking lot are to be clearly designated using brick pavers or stamped dyed concrete pattern.
- In developments and building plots over 50,000 gross square feet, a 10-foot sidewalk is required along the full front of any façade facing a public right-of-way. Pad sites of a development are exempt from this requirement.
- In developments and building plots over 150,000 gross square feet, a plaza area of at least 500 square feet is to be provided that provides 3 different types hardscape elements such as seating or landscape planters.
- In SC Suburban Commercial districts, pedestrian connections are to be provided to adjacent residential areas.
- In the newly adopted MU Mixed-Use district, sidewalks of at least 8 feet are to be provided along all public rights-of-way, streets, and public ways adjacent to and within the development.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 18, 2014
TO: Members of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board
FROM: Venessa Garza, AICP, Greenways Program Manager
SUBJECT: Trail Project Priorities

Item: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding Trail Project Priorities.

Background: This item is before the Board to review and update trail project priorities for FY16. Trail projects are currently prioritized based on the methodology used during the creation of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan. This list was reviewed last year based on their short (0-10 years), near (11-20 years) and long term (21-30 years) prioritization. All projects were reviewed and a top 3 list was determined based on the following criteria:

1. Ownership – Higher priority to City owned property or existing easements
2. Immediacy of Development in the surrounding area – Higher priority to areas where residential development will occur in the next few years
3. Other factors considered:
 - a. Safety
 - b. Connectivity to Schools and Parks
 - c. Regional Connectivity

The Board's top priorities and other changes consisted of the following:

Map ID	Name	Miles	Priority	Type	Notes
A	College Avenue Side Path	0.79	Short-term	ROW	To be funded with MPO FY19
B	Bee Creek West Trail	0.42	Short-term	purchase required	Submitted Unfunded project
C	Spring Creek Trail	3.49	Short-term	City owned	Submitted Unfunded project

- Harvey Road/SH 6 Connector - From short-term to near-term
- Wolf Pen Creek Extension – From short-term to near-term
- Appomattox Extension – From near-term to short-term
- Bee Creek Central Park – From short-term to near-term

Attached is a trail projects map and spreadsheet with corresponding trail projects with additional information. The Board will be asked to provide up to two more projects to the short list for submission in the FY16 CIP budget process.

Attachments(s):

1. Trail Projects Map
2. Trail Project List



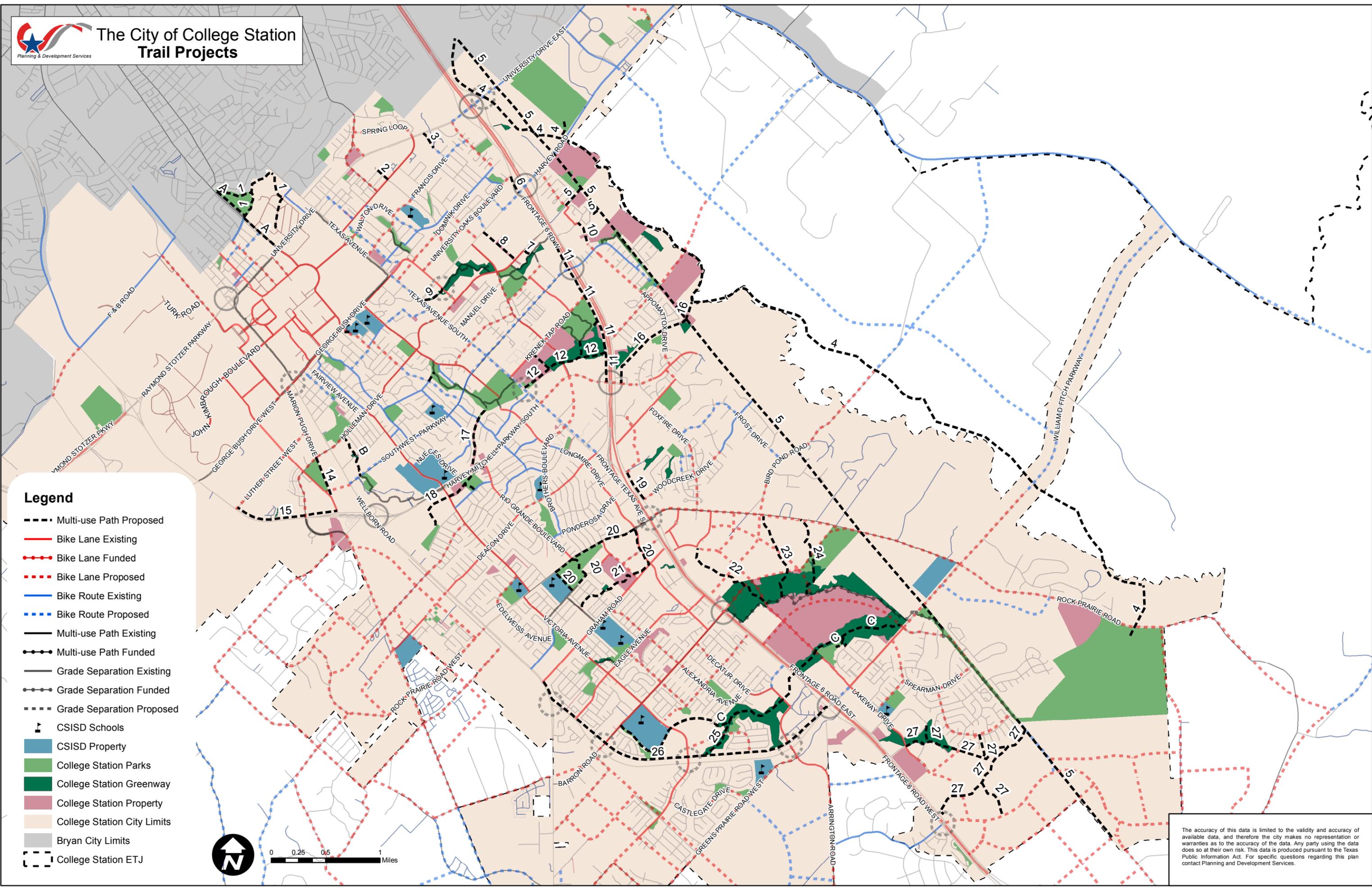
The City of College Station Trail Projects

Legend

- - - Multi-use Path Proposed
- Bike Lane Existing
- · - Bike Lane Funded
- · · - Bike Lane Proposed
- Bike Route Existing
- · - Bike Route Proposed
- Multi-use Path Existing
- · - Multi-use Path Funded
- Grade Separation Existing
- · - Grade Separation Funded
- · · - Grade Separation Proposed
- CSISD Schools
- CSISD Property
- College Station Parks
- College Station Greenway
- College Station Property
- College Station City Limits
- Bryan City Limits
- College Station ETJ



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Trail Project List
January 2015

	Name	Miles	BPG Plan Priority	Type	Notes
A	College Avenue Side Path	0.79	Short-term	ROW	To be funded with MPO FY19
B	Bee Creek West	0.42	Short-term	purchase required	Submitted Unfunded project
C	Spring Creek	3.49	Short-term	City owned	Submitted Unfunded project

Number	Name	Miles	BPG Plan Priority	Type	Notes
1	Burton Creek Trib C - TAMU	1.47	None	TAMU ownership	
2	University Town Center Connector	0.16	Short-term	purchase required	with development
3	Connector A	0.17	Near-term	purchase required	
4	Carters Creek	9.73	Long-term	partial ownership/easement	
5	Gulf States Utilities Easement	8.84	Near-term	partial ownership/easement	
6	Harvey Road/SH 6 Connector	0.17	Near-term	ROW	changed from short-term
7	WPC Connector	0.08	Short-term	purchase required	
8	Mall Connector	0.39	Near-term	purchase required	
9	Wolf Pen Creek Extension	0.24	Near-term	purchase required	changed from short-term
10	Appomattox Connector	0.22	Short-term	partial easement	changed from near-term
11	SH 6 Connector	1.57	Short-term	ROW	
12	Bee Creek - Central Park Connector	1.21	Near-term	City owned	changed from short-term
13	Lemontree Park Connector	0.10	Near-term	purchase required	
14	John Crompton Park	0.39	Short-term	partial ownership	
15	Harvey Mitchell Pkwy S	0.95	Near-term	ROW	
16	Bee Creek East	1.06	Near-term	purchase required	
17	Bee Creek Central	0.57	Near-term	City owned	
18	Bee Creek Central - South	0.97	Near-term	purchase required	
19	SH 6 Connector 3	0.29	Near-term	ROW	
20	Southwood Park Loop	1.77	Near-term	ROW	

Number	Name	Miles	BPG Plan Priority	Type	Notes
21	Lick Creek North	0.84	Near-term	purchase required	
22	Lick Creek 14	0.91	Long-term	purchase required	
23	Lick Creek 11	0.81	Long-term	easement/with PDD	
24	Lick Creek 10	0.78	Long-term	purchase required	
25	Spring Creek Trib 7	0.38	Long-term	partial City owned/easement	
26	William D Fitch Parkway Connector	3.05	Long-term	ROW	
27	Alum Creek	3.03	Long-term	partial City owned/easement	