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REGIONAL TRAIL PLAN

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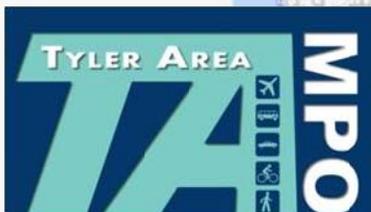
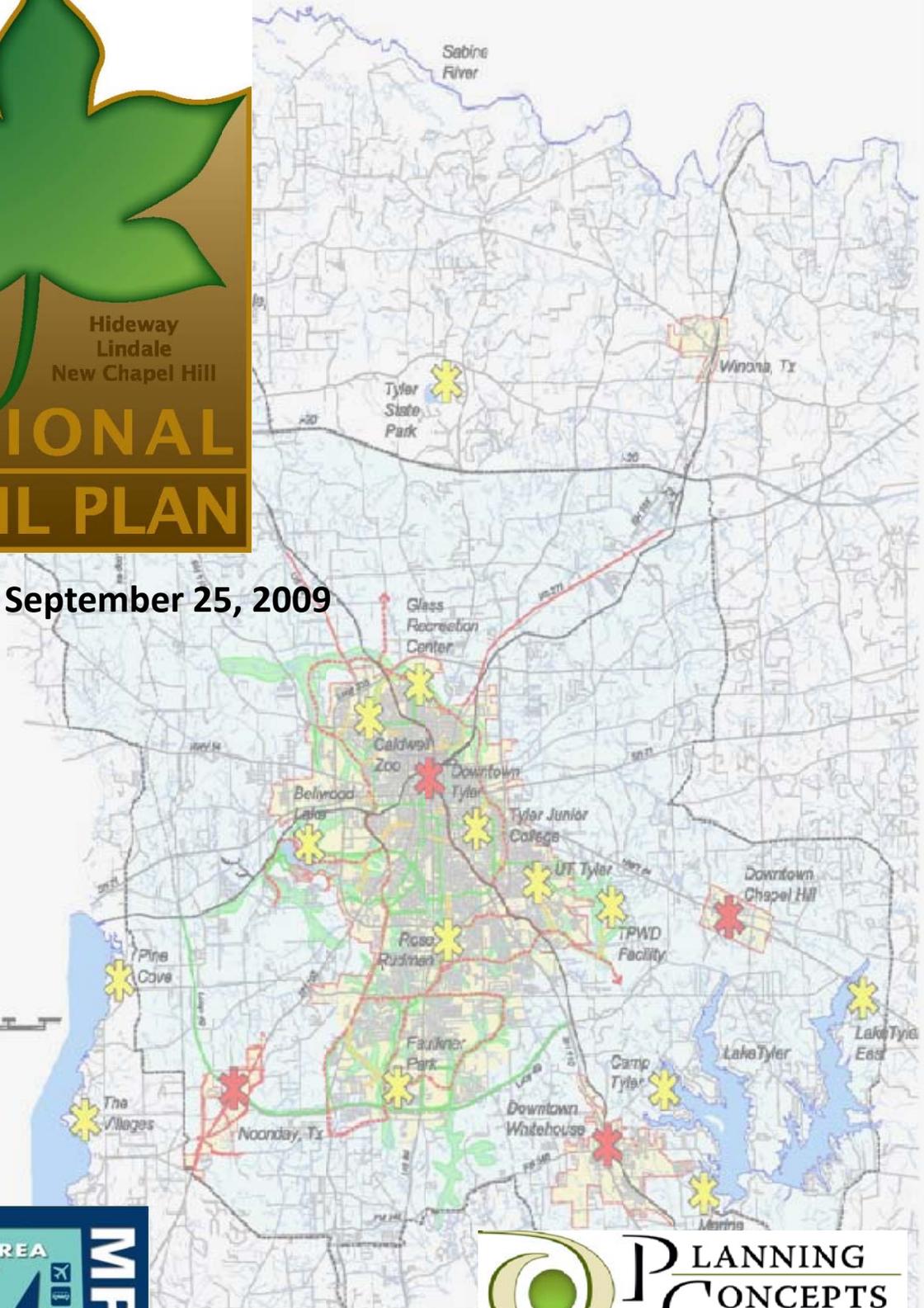
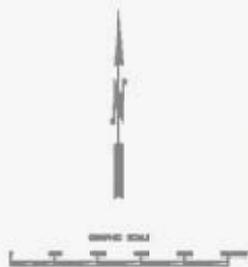




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Chapter 1 - Introduction

In December 2007, the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) commissioned a study to develop a Regional Trail System. The plan represents a comprehensive system of trail corridors spanning the Tyler MPO boundary as well as much of Smith County. The regional trail routes will be a major component of the multi-modal transportation system providing alternative transportation corridors for bicyclists and pedestrians while offering off-street connections to strategic locations. Many of the trail corridors identified in the plan are under private ownership or consist of easements along private land. The MPO's goal is to work in partnership with these land owners to facilitate the connectivity, funding, design, and construction of an interconnected trail network.



Trail Signage

The plan identifies the general locations and ideal cross sections of the proposed trails as well as locations for trail head facilities. The plan does not contain specific construction details, but rather provides the MPO, County and each Municipality a tool to assist in the acquisition and preservation of future trail corridors and trail head facilities. This plan is long term in nature and construction of the trail phases will rely heavily on regional participation and fiscal abilities. The concept of trail master planning is to first identify trip generators and points of interest, then determine routes in order to ensure the preservation of the corridors, while beginning implementation over a period of time. It is far easier to integrate trails and pathways into an area before it is sold and developed. Once boundaries, fences, roads, buildings and landscaping are set, easements and permissions may be difficult to obtain. If a public route is designed into a development at the planning stage, the overall costs are reduced. Trail system planning allows local governments to identify appropriate routes and solutions assisting developers with incorporating pathways that connect to the overall growing network.

The miles of trails identified within the trail system are organized into identifiable segments and priorities. These priorities will serve as a guide for the MPO, County, and Cities to use when implementing the trail plan. Each trail segment has a geographically distinct name which will assist users in identifying the location of the trail within the region.

The Regional Trail Plan is a natural step in the Metropolitan Planning Organizations regional planning process. The planning process engages different cities to come together for a common goal. The goal is to provide a multi-jurisdictional, interconnected system of trails, open spaces, and recreation opportunities which are distributed equitably throughout the MPO boundary, as well as providing multi-model transportation opportunities to move people, in addition to cars throughout the metropolitan area.

The project will capitalize on existing rights-of-way, easements, parks, utility corridors, creek corridors, flood plains, and existing sidewalks. The use of sidewalks is also important but sometimes an overlooked element of the overall pedestrian and trail plan for a community. While the roadside environment may not provide the same recreational experience as a separated pathway, sidewalks represent a fundamental component of pedestrian access and mobility within the community. The proper design and location of sidewalks will support the overall success of a pedestrian and trail system by creating an environment where walking is a recognized part of community life.



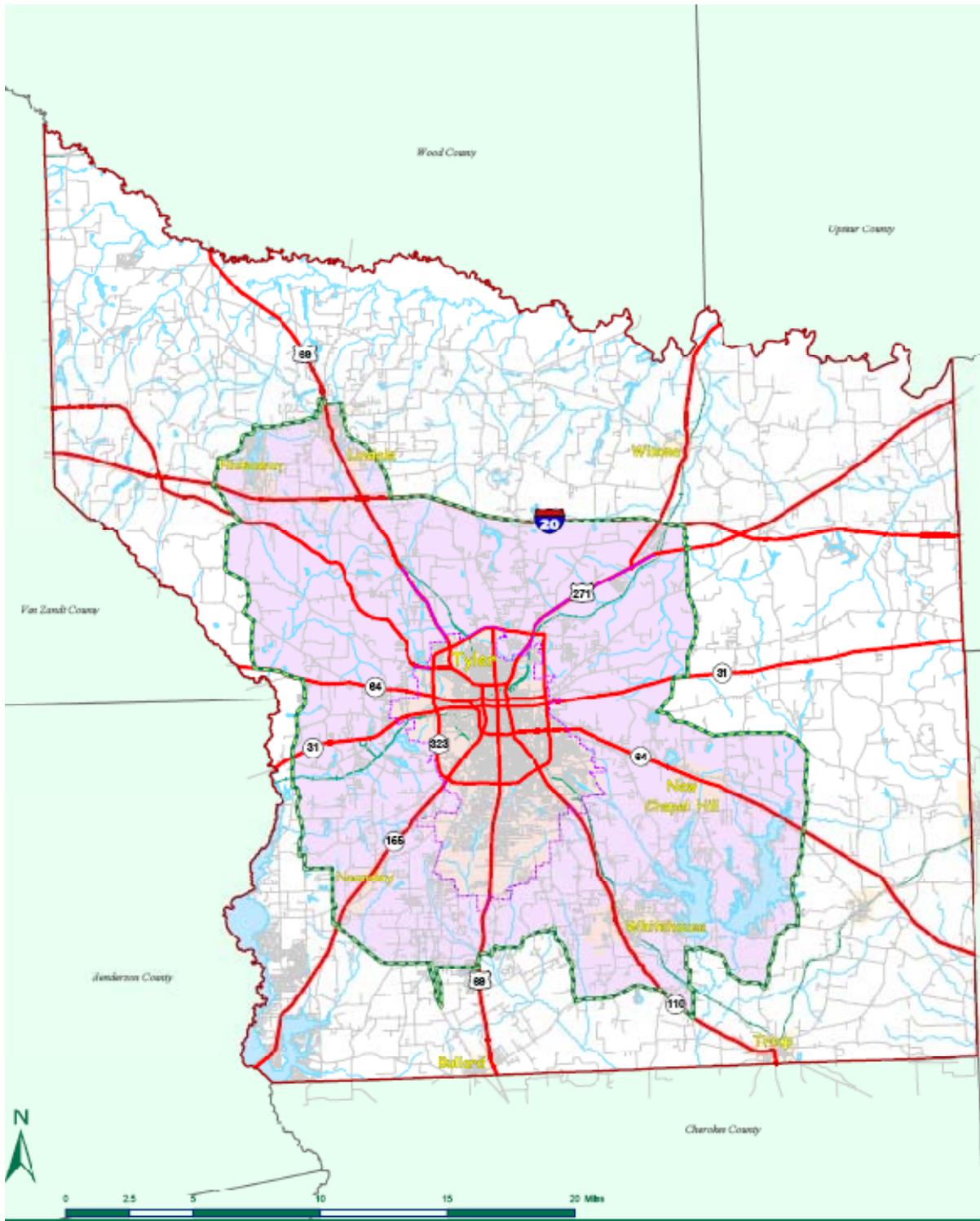
Trail Bridge

Finally, the idea is to develop community partnerships to make the project a reality. Decision makers must remember that trails are critical infrastructure which facilitates non-motorized transportation and recreation— biking and walking— while fostering vital face-to-face interaction between neighbors and promoting a sense of community.

STUDY AREA

The Planning area for this project includes the MPO planning regions for the Tyler urbanized area and includes the following member cities:

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| Tyler | New Chapel Hill | Hideaway |
| Noonday | Whitehouse | Lindale |



**TYLER AREA MPO BOUNDARY
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BENEFITS OF TRAIL PLANNING REGIONALLY

There are many benefits of trails and greenways: they make the community more livable; allow for alternative and functional transportation, allow for safe routes for adults and children, improve the economy through tourism and civic improvement; preserve and restore open space; increase land values and provide opportunities for physical activity to improve fitness and mental health.

Benefits: Transportation

The Regional Trails begin to offer citizens the opportunity to travel to strategic locations throughout the area without reliance on the automobile. The trails will offer safe off-street modes of transportation such as walking, skating, biking, and horseback. Additionally, having alternative modes of transportation begins to reduce traffic congestion by allowing new ways to access critical facilities and locations such as transit facilities, parks, regional retail, neighborhoods and schools.



Wildlife/Natural Trail, Tyler State Park

Benefits: Land Use

The regional trails offer and promote an interconnected open space system. The land use designation along these trail corridors as open space begins to promote a balance of conservation and development throughout the planning area.

Benefits: Environmental

The development of trails which take advantage of both urban and non-urban environments provides an opportunity to move not only people, but wildlife.

Greenways and trails help preserve important natural landscapes, provide needed links between fragmented habitats, and offer opportunities for protecting plant and animal species. Trails also can be useful tools for wetland preservation and improvement of air and water quality. In addition, they can allow humans to experience nature with minimal environmental impact.

Benefits: Economic

Access to trails improves the overall quality of life for citizens as well as visitors. Properly designed and located trails and trailheads can serve as catalysts for quality development. Additionally, property values tend to be higher when adjacent to trails.

Benefits: Health

Trails and greenways create healthy recreation and transportation opportunities by providing people of all ages with attractive, safe, accessible and low or no cost places to cycle, walk, hike, jog or skate.

Trails help people of all ages incorporate exercise into their daily routines by connecting them with places they want or need to go. Communities that encourage physical activity by making use of linear corridors can see a significant effect on public health and wellness.



Chapter 2 – Public Involvement

Advisory Committee

The planning process began with an announcement of the project to each of the MPO member cities. An invitation was extended to each community to participate in the process. Member cities were asked to appoint one representative from their city to participate on the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee was created to help guide decisions about the plan at key points throughout the process and make recommendations on the plan to the MPO Policy Committee, which includes representatives from all areas of Smith County. A list of the Committee is below.

Noonday Representative

Mike Turman, Mayor

Whitehouse Representative

Mike Peterson, Community Development

Lindale Representative

Marci Pink, Parks Board Member

Tyler Representatives

Artis Newsome

Butch Willingham, Tyler Bicycle Club

John Webb, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Tyler

Tyler MPO Staff including Barbara Holly, MPO Director, Heather Nick, Senior Planner, and Tony Filippini, Senior Planner.

Advisory Committee Meetings

On December 13, 2007 the Advisory Committee met and discussed the project overview, the roles of the Committee and selection of a logo. Additionally, the Committee discussed critical places throughout the region which the trails should connect. This inventory of critical points was used in developing various trail routes throughout the region.

On November 3, 2008 the Advisory Committee met and discussed potential routes and cross sections for the trails and reviewed a rough draft of the planning document. The draft document was reviewed to ensure the Committee agreed on the formatting and presentation style of the document.

Also discussed were the overall routes for the trails and suggested trail cross-sections. The Committee was asked to review the information over the course of a few weeks, and an additional meeting would be scheduled later to reveal routes and cross-section renderings.

On December 1, 2008 the Advisory Committee met again to discuss the trail locations, trail head facilities, trail cross-sections, priorities and recommendations. Minor changes were made to the priorities, and the plan was then recommended for approval to the Policy Committee.

Public Meetings

Public participation for the Regional Trail Plan has included public workshops, press releases, and presentations to City Councils within the MPO Boundary. The stakeholders participating in the planning process included the East Texas Trekkers, and the Audubon Society, and the Tyler Bicycle Club.



August Public Meeting

During the process the public was encouraged to participate through a public workshop. The public meeting occurred on *August 14, 2008*. The objective of the meeting was to inform the public and stakeholders about the planning process while gathering input on potential trail routes and connections. A general point of interest inventory was developed at the meeting. This inventory was created by asking the

group to suggest specific areas throughout the region which should be connected by the trail facilities. Once the list was developed each participant voted for which point of interest was most important to them. The votes were then tallied and a top ten list was presented to the group. The top 10 points of interest included the following:

1. Bellwood Lake
2. Texas Rose Horse Park
3. University of Texas at Tyler
4. Tyler Art Museum
5. Camp Tyler
6. Texas Parks and Wildlife Facility
7. Tyler State Park
8. Falkner Park
9. Caldwell Zoo
10. Lake Tyler East, University of Texas at Tyler Health Center, Mineola Preserve (a three way tie for 10th)



August Public Meeting



Tyler State Park



Bellwood Lake

Stakeholder Meetings

Regional Mobility Authority Subcommittee Meeting – A group from the RMA met on April 3, 2009 to discuss the trail plan. The group was extremely excited about the planning effort and conveyed to the MPO that they would be willing to look for funding opportunities to assist with various trail segments to advance the plan. The group recommended adding a trail connection to the new East Texas Fair location which has been done. Understanding that this was the first time the MPO or any other entity has taken on a regional trail planning effort; the group felt that construction of these trails could provide users a way to move throughout the region without the use of an automobile and this would be extremely beneficial to the area.

Tyler Bicycle Club - On April 24, 2009 the trail plan was presented to the Tyler Bicycle Club. The club was very pleased with the plan and extremely excited that this type of planning effort was taking place. Members stated that regional trail planning efforts have occurred in other areas of the state and has successfully led to the construction of a number of beneficial trail types and linkages. The club expressed particular interest in the proposed Lake Tyler trail route and the addition of the high speed hike and bike trail along Loop 49. The group stated that both of these trails would be extremely beneficial to riders of all levels. The Lake Tyler trails would provide mountain biking opportunities and the Loop 49 high speed trail would provide long road bike opportunities for the group while providing alternate modes of transportation.

Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce Surface Transportation Committee – On May 22, 2009 the plan was presented to the Surface Transportation Group for their input and comment. The group was pleased with the overall direction of the plan and asked questions regarding various trail routes and implementation. The group stated that this type of trail planning effort was greatly needed.

City Councils

April 21, 2009 – Lindale City Council presentation

April 23, 2009 – Noonday City Council presentation

July 28, 2009 – Whitehouse City Council presentation

August 12, 2009 – Tyler City Council presentation

The trail plan was presented to most of the City Council's which are members of the MPO. The presentation gave the Council Members an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the plan. Each Council expressed excitement with regard to the plan and the planning effort which has gone in to the development of the plan. Each Council was given the draft of the overall trail map and was told to contact the Tyler MPO if they wanted to make further comments. To date, the MPO has not received any additional comments from the member cities.

Tyler Area MPO Policy Committee

February 3, 2009 – Policy Committee Meeting

A draft of the trail plan was presented in detail to the MPO Policy Committee to allow for questions and comments. The Policy Committee was informed of the public involvement plan which included presentations to the member cities at a regularly scheduled city council meeting.

September 25, 2009 – Policy Committee Meeting

An overall summary of the public involvement was presented to the MPO Policy Committee. The changes made to the plan as a result of the public involvement were also covered. After further discussion, the Policy Committee approved the Final Draft of the Regional Trail Plan.



Chapter 3 – Design Standards

Trail Classification

The Regional Trail System is proposed as a motorized/non-motorized, shared –use, multi-modal corridor used for transportation and recreation. Where possible the trail will feature primary hard-surface trail and secondary soft-surface trail. Various corridors will be either hard or soft depending on terrain and other constraints.

A system of trail classifications was developed to include a variety of trail types for the region. Each classification type is designed to accommodate various trail conditions. The trail classifications include:

- Gateways
- Primary
- Secondary
- Neighborhood/Interpretive
- Conservation/Interpretive
- Equestrian
- All terrain vehicle
- High speed hike and bike

Gateways/Trail head facilities

A gateway is the “front door” to the corridor. Gateways aim to create a series of identifiable prominent, formal entries located at a specific primary entry location. The gateways work in harmony to create a sense of place by welcoming and informing users. Amenities include:

- Accent paving
- Gateway entry feature
- Unique shade trees, accent shrubs, groundcover
- Benches and trash receptacles
- Pedestrian scaled lighting
- Informational/directional/interpretive signage
- Public art elements
- Drinking fountains
- Parking facilities



Restroom and Parking Facility



Typical Trail Head Facility

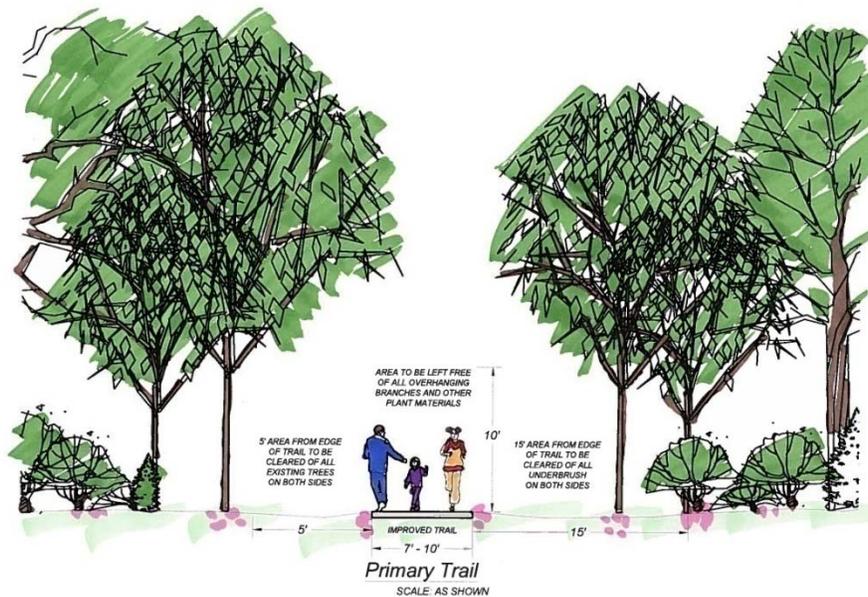


ATV / Equestrian Trail Head Facility

Primary

The primary trail will serve as the main trail for the region. It will originate at major gateways and connect to all other types of trails.

The primarily paved surface will be universally accessible to users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers, rollerbladers, and persons of all ages and abilities.



Secondary

A series of secondary trails serve as trail linkages to the primary trail and provide an additional trail for pedestrians or joggers off the main trail facility. It will provide pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists and equestrians a more passive, off-road experience. Secondary trails will likely transition to primary trails once ultimate development occurs. Additionally, secondary trails are constructed utilizing the same cross section as the Conservation/Interpretive Trail.

Neighborhood/Transit/Connector

The neighborhood/transit/connector trail will create a series of trails, which connect the surrounding neighborhoods, schools, and adjacent transit stops. This trail may be paved and will be universally accessible to users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers and rollerbladers, and persons of all ages.



Improved Trail - Rose Rudman





Conservation Trail - Tyler State Park

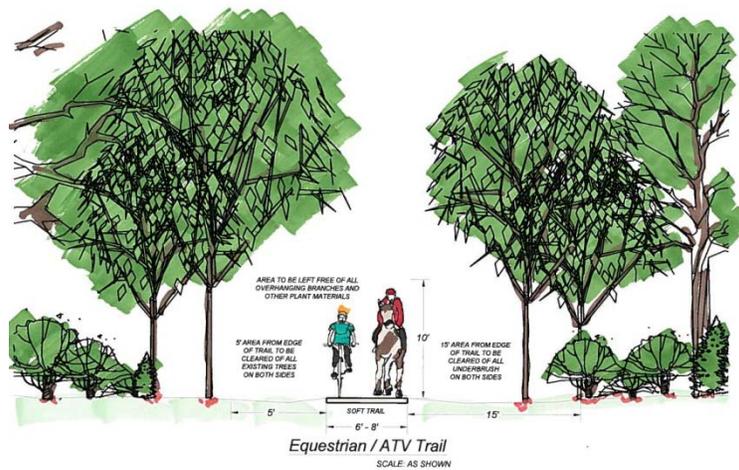
Conservation/Interpretive

The conservation/interpretive trail will create an even more passive trail, which meanders adjacent to and throughout areas set aside for habitat preservation or areas such as parks or recreational areas. Interpretive informational signage will guide users. These trails may consist of crushed granite, sand/gravel, or similar material.



Equestrian

This trail type will provide a clear or improved portion of sand/gravel or similar material to allow access by horses and mountain bikers into and through the corridor.





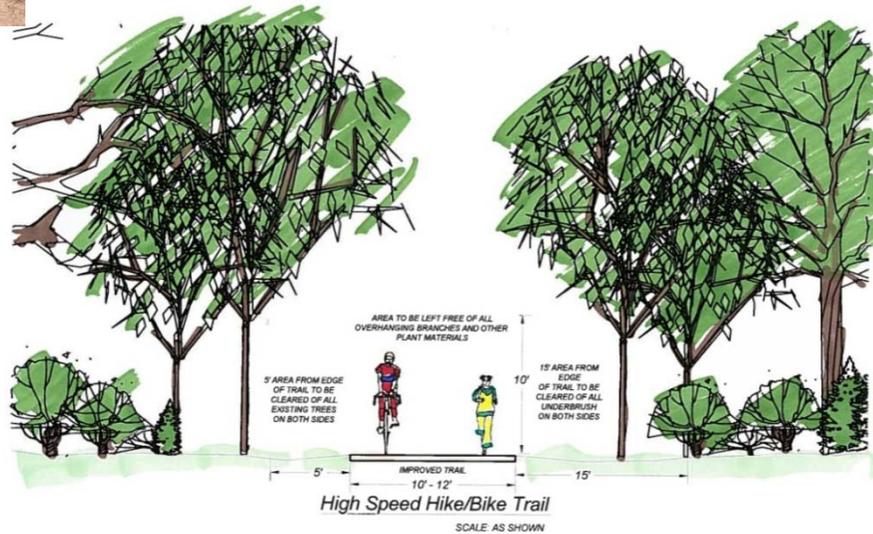
ATV Trail

All Terrain Vehicle

This trail type will include some natural dirt where stable, crushed gravel or stone and the use of cinder block or pavers to be buried on some of the curves to slow erosion.

High Speed Hike and Bike

This trail type includes an improved surface of concrete or asphalt surface with designated lanes for high speed cyclists and pedestrians that include walkers, joggers, rollerbladers. Most of these trail types will be located along existing roadways.



Trail Details

All trails shall be designed and constructed following national design guidelines identified the most recent version of the American Association of State Highway Transportation (AASHTO) guidelines, Americans with Disabilities Act, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Designing Sidewalks and Trails for Access Parts I and II and any other pertinent publications. In addition, the trails should be designed in accordance with the additional design recommendations in this plan.



Trail Cross Sections



Trail Type	Grade	Surface	Width	Vertical Clearance	Horizontal Clearance
Trail Heads	5% Max	Paved concrete or asphalt	N/A	N/A	N/A
Primary Trail	5% Max	Paved concrete or asphalt	7' - 10'	10'	Trail width plus 5' either side
Secondary Trail	5% Max	Soft/ Natural Trail	7' - 10'	10'	Trail width plus 5' either side
Neighborhood/Transit / Connector Trail	5% Max	Paved concrete or asphalt	4' - 6'	10'	Trail width plus 5' either side
Conservation/ Interpretive Trail	Unspecified	Soft/ Natural Trail	7' - 10'	10'	Trail width plus 5' either side
Equestrian Corridor	Unspecified	Soft/ Natural Trail	6' - 8'	10'	Trail width plus 5' either side
All terrain vehicle Corridor	Unspecified	Soft/ Natural Trail	6' - 8'	10'	Trail width plus 5' either side
High Speed Hike and Bike Trail	5% Max	Paved concrete or asphalt	10' - 12'	10'	Trail width plus 5' either side



Primary Trail



Conservation/Interpretive Trail

Aesthetic Trail Design Considerations



Landscape island along trail

To fully implement the vision of this plan, trails and their amenities should be designed in harmony with the natural setting to retain natural appearances. Trail design should require the minimum amount of construction necessary to provide for public use while protecting natural and cultural resources to maximize the value of public expenditures. Trail design should consider the unique qualities and community needs of the region.

Alignments

Trails should not be designed with straight alignments in attempting to meet the goal of directness. If possible, trails should be curvilinear to provide visual interest to users without having sharp curves.



Trail with water feature and boardwalk

Scenery

Trails should be designed to take advantage of varying views of the surrounding areas. Preserving visual corridors accentuating views of adjacent creeks, lakes, and streams, will improve the quality of the user's experience.



Curve along trail

Adjacent Landowner Privacy

Trails should provide privacy to landowners adjacent to trails and facilities by planting landscaping buffers, installing walls, allowing grade separations, or a combination of these methods. When possible, trails should be located further from private property and buildings.

Native Plants

Trails should be aligned to have the least impact on surrounding vegetation. New plants designed as part of gateways, trail heads, or along the corridor should be selected according to the plants native classification.

Sensitive Wildlife Habitat

Trails should be designed to have a minimum impact on natural preserve areas. Trail should avoid sensitive habitat areas. New planting designs, wherever feasible, shall be designed to re-introduce habitat areas and restoration efforts.



Directional Signage

Signage

Signage should be uniform in style. Signs should identify the type of trail, trail segment name, and other pertinent information to the segment. Signage should be readable from the trail, but should not obstruct it.

Lighting

Lighting should be used in appropriate areas along the trail. Luminaries and standards should be at a scale appropriate for pedestrian or bicycle trail, staging areas with vehicle parking, and at roadway intersections.



Trail Map Sign



Chapter 4 – Trail Segments

LAKE TYLER LOOP

The Lake Tyler Loop encompasses Lake Tyler West and East. This loop will provide access around the lake as well as critical connections to the City of Tyler, Whitehouse, and New Chapel Hill.

Total mileage within the Loop is 29 miles. Points of Interest along the trail include Lake Tyler Marina, Camp Tyler, SH 64 Boat Ramp, Langley Island, and a connection to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Facilities. A direct connection from Lake Tyler to Golden Road Park in Tyler is also included in this segment. These trails should be primarily natural and serve as conservation/interpretive trails. Wildlife viewing areas should be developed along these trails. Some trail sections could also be used for mountain biking activities. Some trail head facilities already exist along this loop. Those facilities include the Marina, which has restrooms, parking, and a small store and Old #2 Chapman Park which include parking, and picnic areas. Public restrooms would need to be added. Lastly, the SH 64 East Boat Ramp could be used for a trail head. This facility has parking, and picnic areas, but restrooms would need to be added.



Lake Tyler Marina and Park

HARRIS CREEK ATV ROUTE

This ATV trail is proposed along the east side of the region and provides a connection from Lake Tyler to Tyler State Park. A trail head facility located along State Highway 31 will provide an opportunity for access to the trail which is central to this route. The total mileage for the Harris Creek ATV Route is 12.5 miles. The cross section for ATV trails should allow for a predominately natural state with only gentle slopes. Additionally, a long term lease with private companies to maintain and operate the route would be optimal. Construction of the trail includes utilizing Texas Parks and Wildlife Grants, which is a viable funding source that is rarely utilized and includes a generous amount of funds.

TYLER STATE PARK ROUTE

This route connects Tyler State Park to the City of Tyler as well as many other points of interest, including the UT Health Science Center, the Glass Recreation Center, First Tee and Black Fork Creek. Total mileage for this route is 17 miles.

Some trail head facilities already exist at Tyler State Park as well as the Glass Center. Connecting to Tyler State Park, the trails along the route would range from natural to improved as the routes become more urban in nature through the City of Tyler.

Cross sections include natural, crushed granite, and concrete. Tyler State Park offers a variety of trail experiences which include an internal trail system around the lake as well as mountain biking trails.

LOOP 49 CORRIDOR

This route proposed the development of high speed hike and bike trails utilizing the existing Loop 49 right-of-way. The Loop will connect Hiway Lake, Lindale, Whitehouse and Noonday. The mileage along this route is 39 miles. The cross section is mostly paved with concrete or asphalt and the lanes for pedestrians and road bikes are clearly marked to avoid conflicts. Trail head facilities along Loop 49 should be located at major roadway intersections and planned with both transit and park and ride facilities.



Loop 49

OLD RAILROAD ROUTE

This trail will connect Faulkner Park in Tyler to City Park in downtown Bullard. The trail would also intersect Loop 49. The right-of-way for the facility includes an old rail bed located along the entire length of Old Jacksonville Highway. This rail bed is proximate several neighborhoods and allows for an alternative transportation route to and from Tyler and Bullard. The total mileage is 11.5 miles. The cross section for this trail would be mostly paved with concrete or asphalt.

LAKE PALESTINE ROUTE

This route connects Loop 49 to The Villages at Lake Palestine which includes recreational opportunities such as a water park, and lake access points. This route is approximately 5 miles. The cross section would include natural surface as well as crushed granite.

TEXAS ROSE EQUESTRAIN TRAIL

This trail is an equestrian loop that connects the Texas Rose Horse Park with access to Lake Palestine and the East Texas Fair Grounds. The trail is approximately 36 miles long and includes trail head facilities to be located in conjunction with the Texas Rose Horse Park. The cross section would include vertical and horizontal clearance with a soft natural surface. These corridors would be used by wildlife as well as mountain bikers in addition to equestrian uses.

BELLWOOD LAKE TRAIL

This trail connects Loop 49, Lindsay Park, and Lake Bellwood Recreation Area. This trail has some existing trail head facilities which could be enhanced at both Lindsay Park and Lake Bellwood. The route is approximately 6.5 miles. This trail would consist of a primary improved trail with additional natural trails branching off. The cross section includes concrete, asphalt and natural surface as well as crushed granite or similar surfaces.



Rose Rudman Trail

ROSE RUDMAN TRAIL/SOUTH TYLER TRAIL

This trail is the first urban trail to be located within the region. This trail should be a model for member cities when planning new urban trails. This trail connects Rose Rudman to Faulkner Park in the City of Tyler and is approximately 50% complete. The total mileage is 11. The cross sections for this facility would include concrete and asphalt and would allow for access to and from many neighborhoods.

BLACK FORK CREEK TRAIL

This trail connects Loop 49 and North Tyler to the Willie Glass Center and the First Tee. This trail will be primarily along the Black Fork Creek providing a unique pedestrian and wildlife viewing experience. The total mileage is 7.5. The cross sections will be made of some natural trails along the creek and some improved trails to include concrete or asphalt, similar to the South Tyler Trail segment.

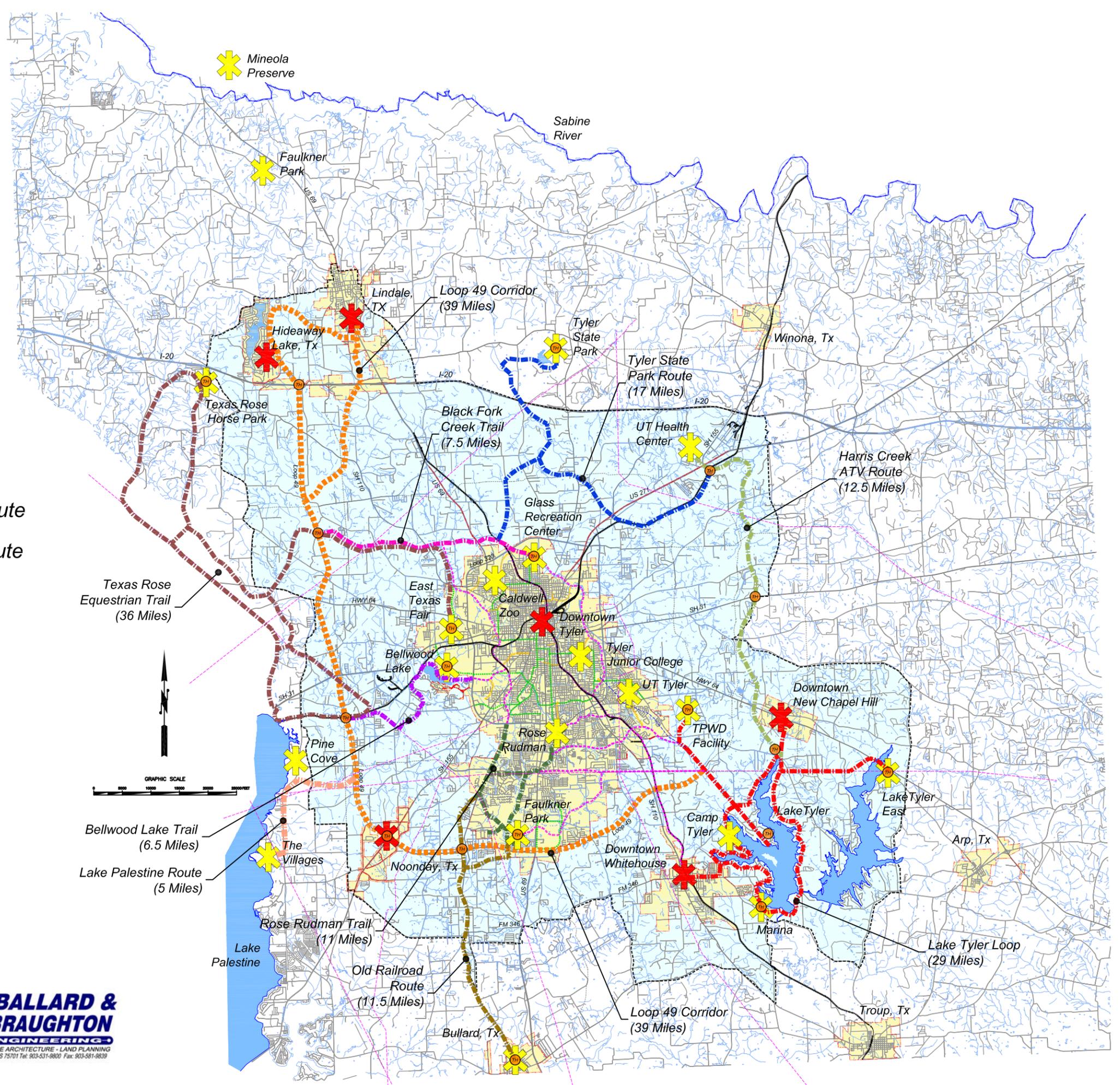
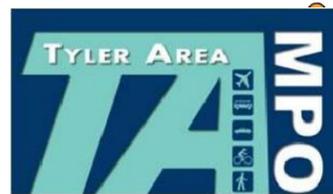
Trail Segment Summary

Segment	Length (miles)	From	To	Priority
Lake Tyler Loop	29	Lake Tyler West	Lake Tyler East	1
Harris Creek ATV Route	12.5	Lake Tyler	UT Health Center/Tyler State Park	3
Tyler State Park Route	17	Tyler State Park	City of Tyler Glass Center/Black Fork Creek	4
Loop 49 Corridor	39	City of Tyler, Faulkner Park	W I-20/E I-20	6
Old Railroad Route	11.5	City of Tyler, Faulkner Park	City of Bullard/City Park	9
Lake Palestine Route	5	Loop 49 W	The Villages at Lake Palestine	10
Texas Rose Equestrian Trail	36	Texas Rose Horse Park	Loop to Lake Palestine and back to Horse Park	5
Bellwood Lake Trail	6.5	City of Tyler, Bellwood Lake Recreation Area	Loop 49	7
South Tyler Trail	11	City of Tyler, South Tyler Trail	Faulkner Park	2
Black Fork Creek Trail	7.5	City of Tyler, Willie Glass Recreation Center	Loop 49 W	8



Legend

-  Tyler 21 Primary Trail Route
-  Tyler 21 Secondary Trail Route
-  MTP Hike and Bike Trail Route
-  Trail Head Facility
-  Tyler MPO Member City
-  Point of Interest (from Steering Committee)
-  City Limits
-  Tyler MPO Boundary



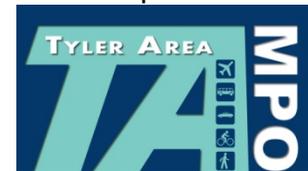


Chapter 5 – Implementation

The Regional Trail Plan is a long range plan to be implemented over time. The plan includes over 179 miles of trails. The MPO must work with all stake holders to implement the plan. These implementation strategies should be reviewed and updated in order to keep the plan current over the long term. The elements of the Implementation Plan are intended to serve as a guide for decision makers within the region to follow as the vision for the regional trail system becomes a reality. The text and the Trail Implementation Guide identify what actions are to be taken and the priority.

Who is Responsible for the Plan

The Tyler Area MPO will shepherd the implementation and oversight of the plan. The plan should be presented to each regulatory agency within the region including the municipalities and county. Each agency needs an understanding of the importance of the plan. The MPO should review and update the plan at minimum every two years. The plan should be updated to reflect completed routes, development trends, and cross sections and design guidelines. Routes should also be studied and updated based on current and future development patterns.



Marketing the Regional Trail

A marketing campaign and strategy should be developed to educate the public on the overall trail plan and the benefits gained throughout the region. Presentations should be made to cities, schools, churches, civic groups and other stake holders within the region to allow for the plan to gain momentum and further overall implementation. Of the utmost importance is community ownership of the plan. The more the community is involved in the planning, the more likely the trails will be constructed.

Communication with Member Cities

The Tyler Area MPO should develop and maintain relationships with other member jurisdictions for the coordination, implementation, and management of the Regional Trail System. A presentation should be given to the member cities annually on the progress of the trail plan.

Researching and Encouraging Grants

The MPO should research and keep an updated data base of all types of grant opportunities for the various trail types. This data base could be utilized by the member cities when searching for grant opportunities to further planning and construction of various segments of the trail. Leveraging grant dollars will critical to the development of the trail system.



Land Use Recommendations

Each municipality as well as the County should develop and update Future Land Use Plans to include these trail routes which will help to ensure opportunities are not lost in future development. The Tyler MPO as the lead agency should assist in the development of Future Land Use Plans regionally and should add the land use plans for the entire MPO planning boundary to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Regulations should be implemented to encourage mixed use developments with trails and higher density development to promote alternative modes of transportation.

Municipalities should be encouraged to further plan for integral trails outside the overall regional trail plan and within their municipal jurisdiction. The overall plan is similar to an interstate system. It allows regional pedestrian travel. Each city must work to provide connections to this overall system that will move people to and through each city as well as the overall system.

Enforcement of the Plan

Reserving the right-of-way or corridor for these trails is critical to development of the overall system. Each City and Smith County should consider implementing policies and regulations which would offer protections of these corridors as property develops.

Once a critical piece of the trail is gone, the entire route is affected and major adjustments to the alignment must occur. This could become extremely costly. As properties develop a subdivision plat is typically submitted to either the municipalities or the county. Upon submittal the reviewing agency could require the trail segment be dedicated for future trail development. These types of regulation could be added to Ordinance requirements or County Codes.

Acquisition Plan

The MPO should maintain an ownership list of property which the trails traverse. This ownership list then could be used to develop an acquisition plan to acquire right-of-way access for the trail system based on the priority. Each municipality and the County should consider budgeting for this acquisition and consider matching the acquisition funds with grant funds.

Development of Segment Action Plans

Develop scopes of work, schedules, and budgets to accomplish prioritized segments. Present these actions plans each year to the public and the city or county which the segment is located.

Development of Individual Route Studies

Review individual trail segments and commission individual route studies to determine the best routes possible for the trail.

Knowledge is Power

Knowledge of the benefits of trail planning is important to the overall success of the plan and ultimate development. Additionally, knowledge of trail routes could spur economic development with regard to mixed use centers, tourism, and enhanced quality of life.

Knowledge gained by presentations to key decision makers within the MPO boundary is critical. These decision makers have the ability to assist in funding of the overall plan. With these presentations comes the “buy in” needed to move the plan forward. City Councils, County Commissioners, the Regional Mobility Authority, and Economic Development Corporations are all major players able to assist with funding these trail systems. A common regional goal brings these groups together for a joint cause.

General Trail Implementation Guide

Action	Description	Priority	Method	Jurisdiction
Work to construct Lake Tyler Loop	Plan route, Improve trails to complete loop around Lake Tyler West and East	1	Grants and city/county participation, utilize groups and organizations	Cities of Whitehouse, New Chapel Hill and Tyler and Smith County
Work to construct South Tyler Trail extension to Faulkner Park	Plan route, extend and improved trail from Grande Blvd. to Faulkner Park	2	Grants and city/county participation, utilize groups and organizations	Smith County, City of Tyler
Work to construct Harris Creek ATV park and trail	Plan route, Improve trails along the routes north and south	3	Grants, private company, city/county participation	All member cities and Smith County
Work to construct connection from Tyler State Park to Black Fork Creek	Plan route, Improve trails to allow for multi-model access to two very unique environmental resources	4	Grants, and city/county participation	City of Tyler and Smith County
Work to construct Texas Rose Horse Trail	Plan route, Improve equestrian trails to allow for a unique experience open for use by the public	5	Grants, Private Funds, city/county participation, utilize groups and organizations	Smith County, City of Lindale, City of Tyler, Private Funds
Loop 49 utilization of existing right-of-way	Plan route, and construct or designate with markings high speed bike lanes and trail heads	6		Texas Department of Transportation, All member cities, Smith County

PRIORITY 1 – LAKE TYLER LOOP

This is a major Tyler 21 initiative as set forth in the massive planning effort the City of Tyler recently completed. This loop would allow access to all member cities by creating unlimited recreational opportunities at the lake which include mountain biking, walking, swimming, camping, running, and wildlife viewing. There are existing trail head facilities that can be utilized as part of this project, so limited construction dollars would be needed. The cities of Tyler, Whitehouse and New Chapel Hill should work together to apply for recreational trail grants and begin planning the routes for this loop. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant program matches cities at an 80/20 percent rate. The municipalities would only be responsible for 20 percent of the match. Additionally, groups such as the Boy Scouts, Audubon, and East Texas Trekkers could work to construct various legs of the route.

PRIORITY 2 – SOUTH TYLER TRAIL

This is a major Tyler 21 initiative as set forth in the massive planning effort completed by the City of Tyler. This trail extension would allow full access from Southside Park to Faulkner Park allowing for a linear trail connection through the center and south portions of the City of Tyler. There are existing trail head facilities that can be utilized as part of this project. The City of Tyler should work together with developers within the area to apply for recreational trail grants and begin planning the route for this extension. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant program matches cities at an 80/20 percent rate. The City and/or developers would only be responsible for 20 percent of the match. Additionally, groups such as the Boy Scouts, Audubon, and East Texas Trekkers could work to be partners in this project.

PRIORITY 3 – HARRIS CREEK

This route offers a unique experience to the use of trails. ATV trails are growing in popularity and a substantial amount of funding exists through grants. This ATV trail will allow for a new experience not offered to the public within the region. The trail could be constructed with grants funds and then operated and maintained by a private company. All member cities as well as Smith County should work together to leverage grant funds for this project to allow for a new and different recreation opportunity.

PRIORITY 4 – TYLER STATE PARK/BLACK FORK CREEK TRAIL SECTIONS

This priority offers a connection to Tyler State Park through alternative forms of transportation including walking, jogging, and biking. This connection greatly benefits the City of Tyler as its citizens are able to access the State Park via a trail system. The City of Tyler and Smith County should work together to apply for grants funds to construct this trail.

PRIORITY 5 – TEXAS ROSE HORSE TRAIL

This trail offers an additional unique and different trail experience for the horse lover. This trail would be a loop to Lake Palestine utilizing Texas Rose Horse Park as the trail head facility. The Cities of Lindale, Hide-a-way and Tyler along with Smith County should work to raise private funds to assist with construction of the trail.

PRIORTY 6 – LOOP 49

Loop 49 is an existing facility with a very wide right-of-way width. The cities could easily work with TXDOT to mark bike lanes and add additional paving for a high speed hike and bike path. The route of Loop 49 is in place and utilization of the existing right-of-way would make implementation of this priority easier. The MPO should work with TXDOT to facilitate the planning of these additional lanes or begin marking and signing these hike and bike routes. All member cities benefit from multi-modal access along Loop 49 and should work together to implement these hike and bike facilities.

In conclusion, the first three priorities begin to build a major west/east series of trails throughout the region. In order to get the most benefit from the trail construction, the MPO should strive to implement sections which provide cohesive connections rather than leaving disconnected pieces of trail systems that would therefore be underutilized.

A first step for these five priorities would be to commission specific route studies on each trail segment and then begin efforts to apply for grants. In addition, presentations to various private or public groups would allow for the possibility of additional funding support.



Chapter 6 - Summary

The Tyler Area MPO has embarked on an aggressive multi-modal trail system including pedestrian, all terrain vehicles, equestrian, and high speed hike and bike trails. This plan is the first of its kind in Smith County, and will lead to the ultimate development of more than 175 miles of trails.

While we recognize this is a very ambitious plan, the resulting trail network will be one of the premier systems in the State of Texas. As this region continues to grow, it will become increasingly important to reserve and protect these trail corridors. Even though the entire network will not be constructed at once, acquisition and/or protection of these corridors need to be a top priority. The MPO should continue to work with the member cities, as well as the county to enact development guidelines which will ensure this trail plan becomes a reality.

This plan includes a twenty year period, but to be effective it should be reviewed annually and updated every two years to continue to reflect the unique needs and opportunities of the region. The update should include adding constructed segments to the map, reviewing all trail segments to ensure development patterns are considered. No single entity can realistically carry the full load of this plan. Developing long lasting relationships between the neighboring communities and the MPO will be critical to the success of the plan. This will begin to create public/private partnerships to assist with pushing the plan forward; therefore, bringing the regional trail system closer to completion. The MPO should also encourage the member cities to work on developing urban trail plans within their corporate boundaries to begin enhancing inner-city trails that allow for urban connections out to the regional trail system.

The proposed trail system identified in this plan will enhance the quality of life in the region and help ensure that the area is able to keep pace with the growing recreational and multi-modal needs of the citizens. The resulting benefits include increased quality of life, tourism potential, economic value, increasing property values, and pride in the residents of the area.

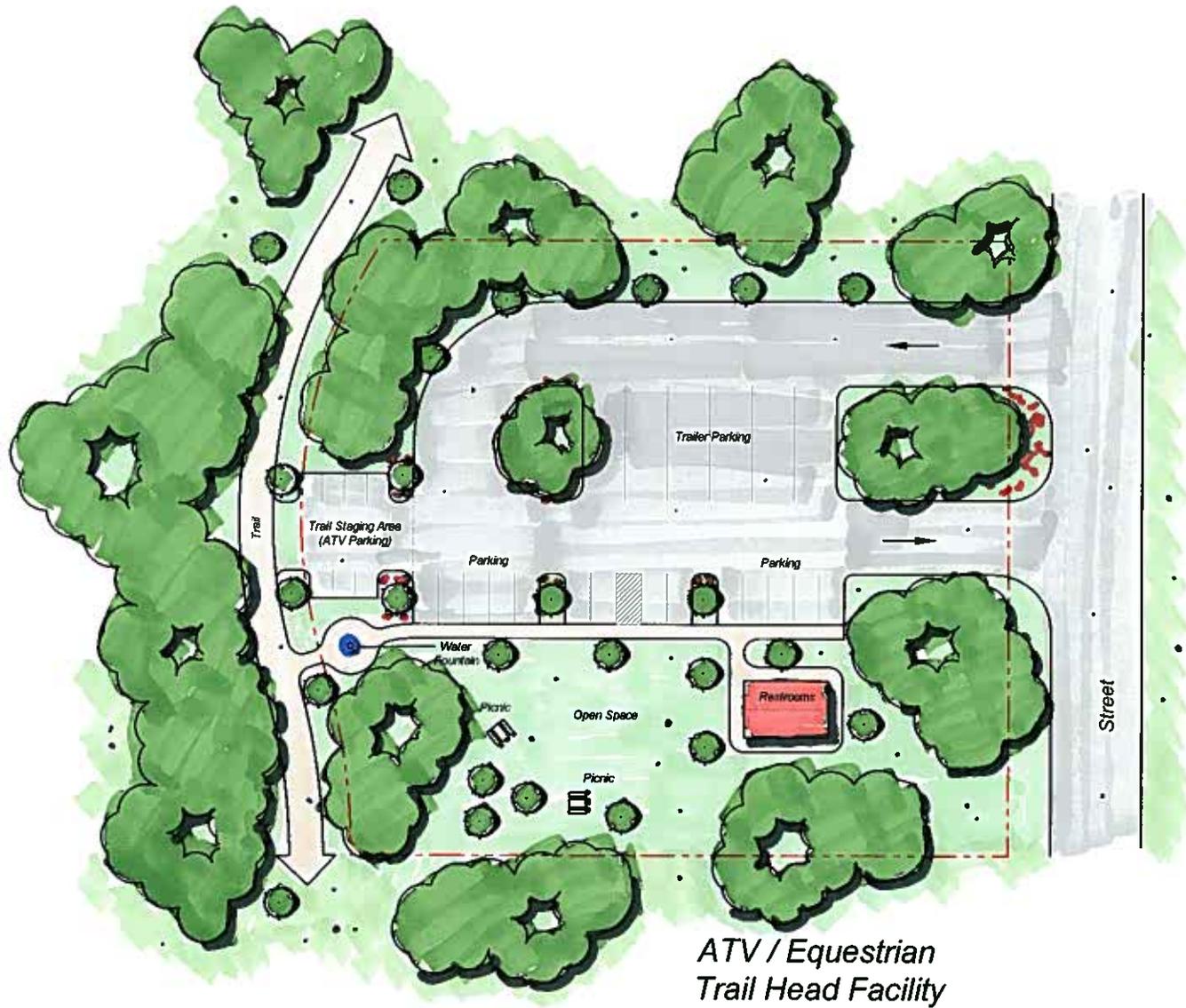


Supplemental Information

All pertinent supplemental information is attached.



Typical Trail Head Facility



*ATV / Equestrian
Trail Head Facility*



AREA TO BE LEFT FREE OF ALL OVERHANGING BRANCHES AND OTHER PLANT MATERIALS

5' AREA FROM EDGE OF TRAIL TO BE CLEARED OF ALL EXISTING TREES ON BOTH SIDES

15' AREA FROM EDGE OF TRAIL TO BE CLEARED OF ALL UNDERBRUSH ON BOTH SIDES

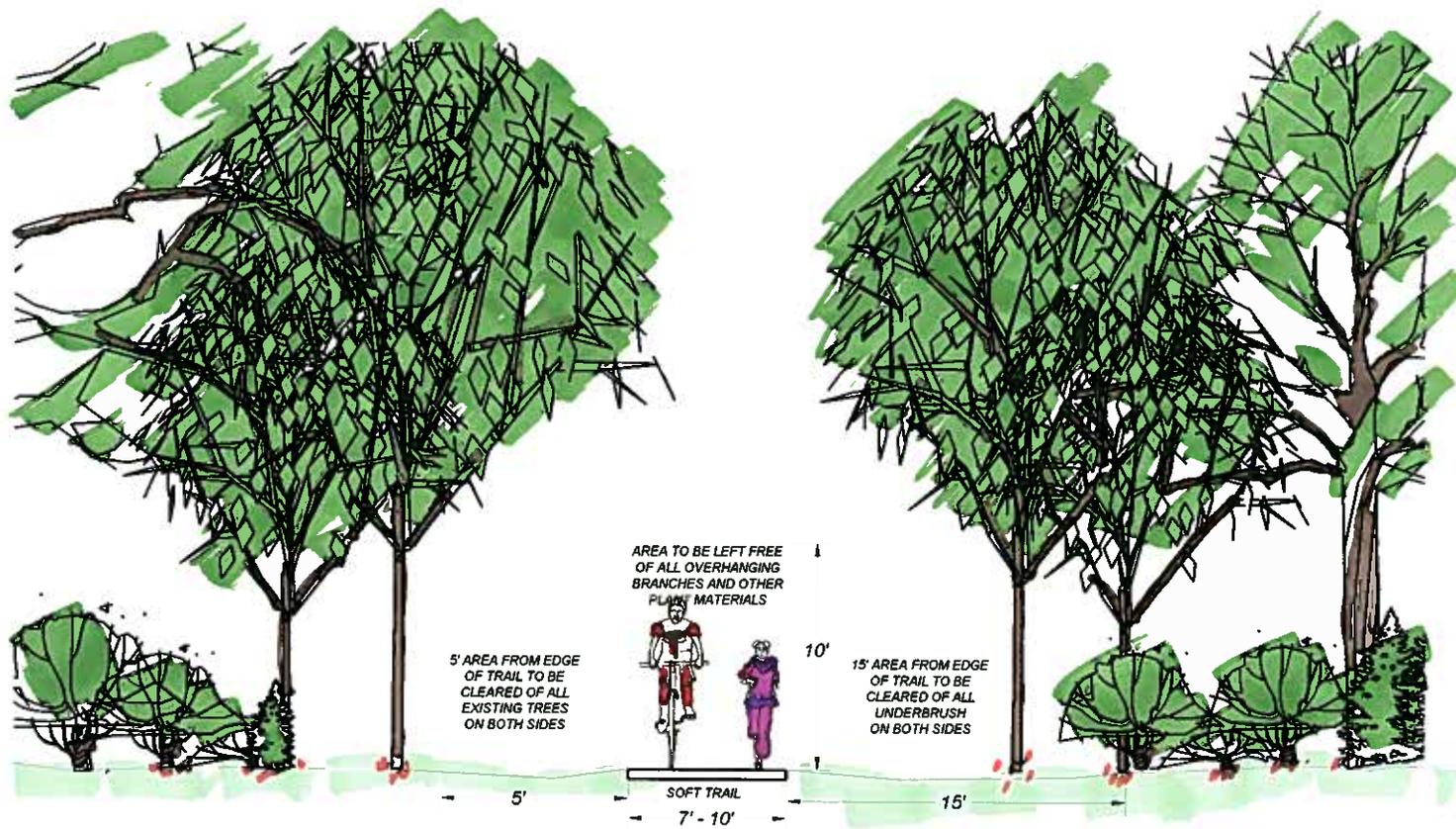


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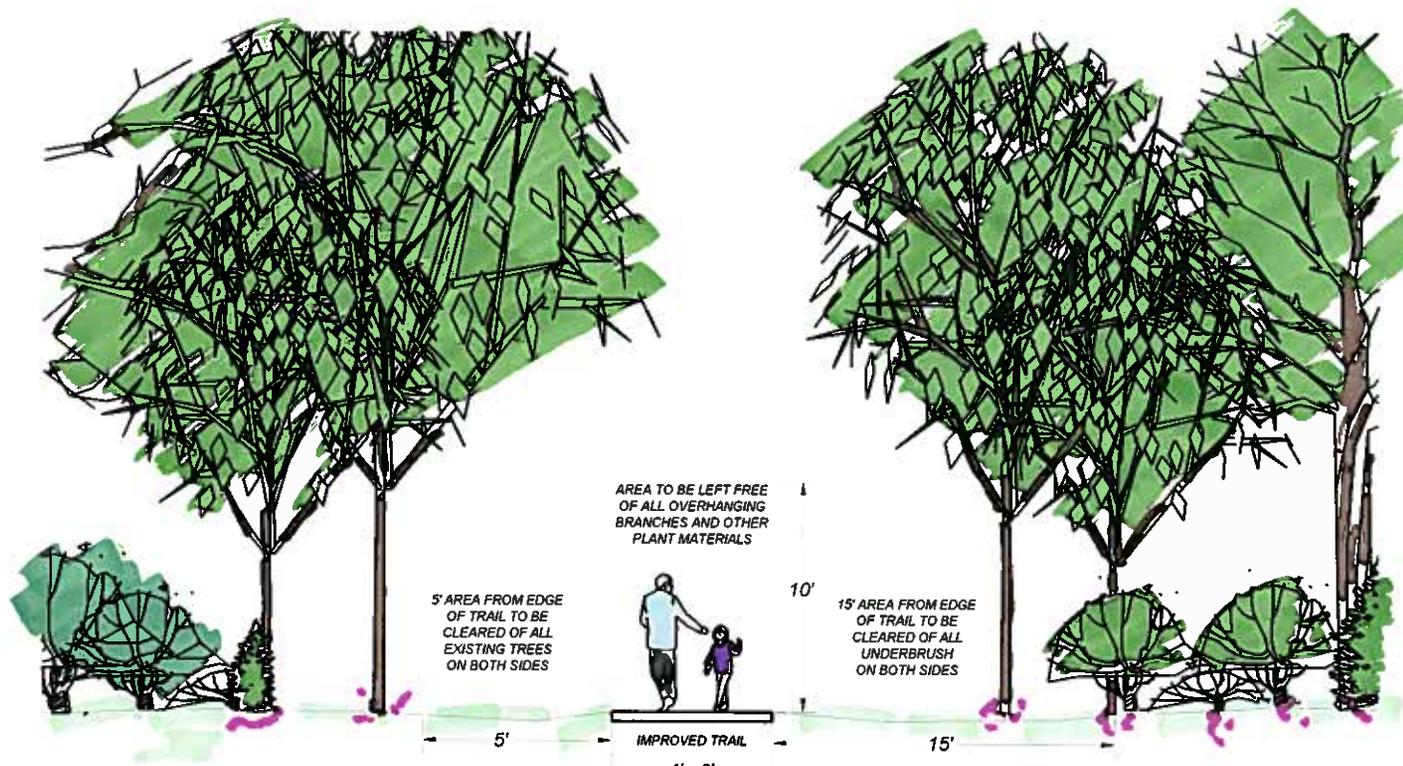
Primary Trail

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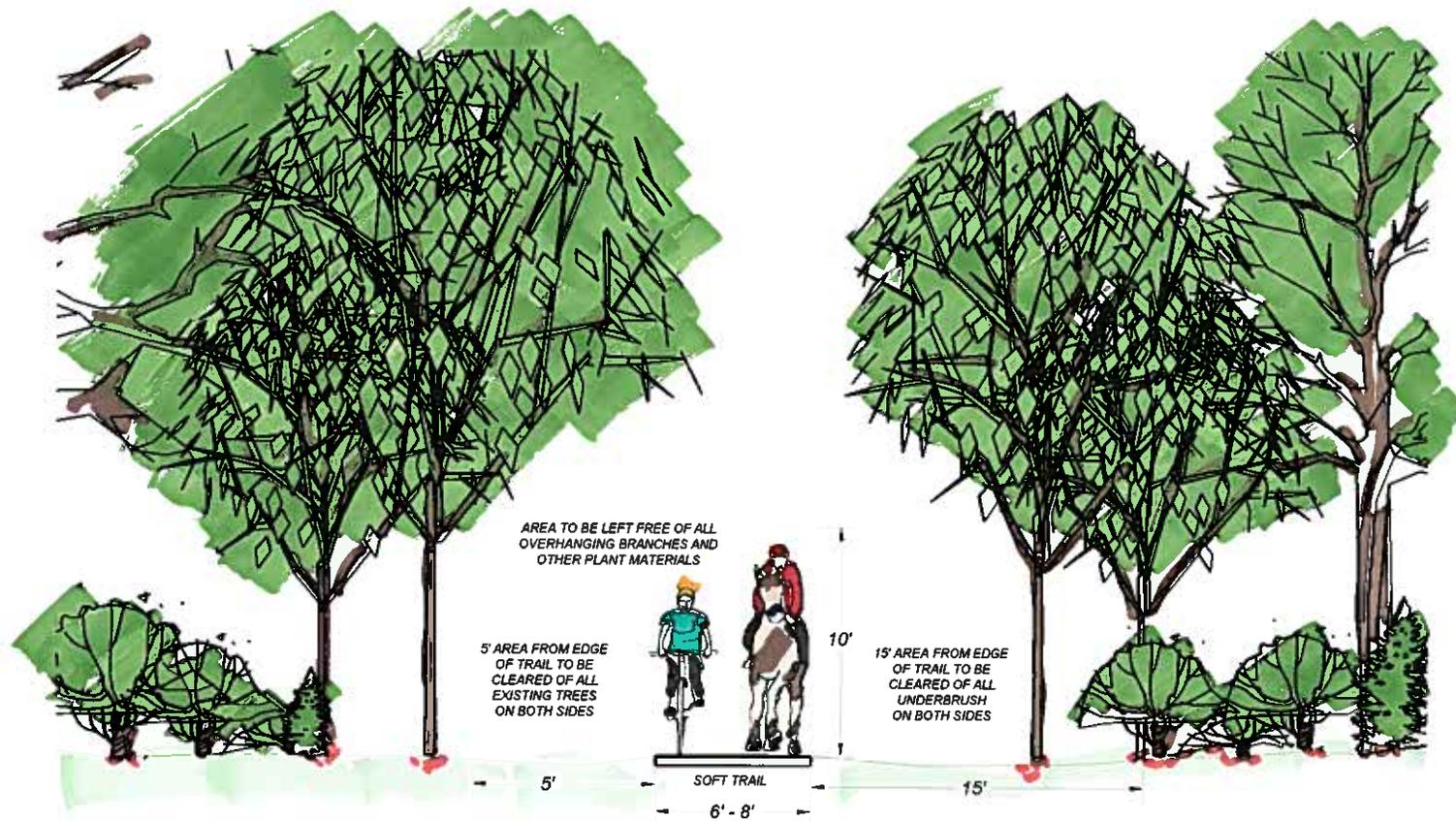
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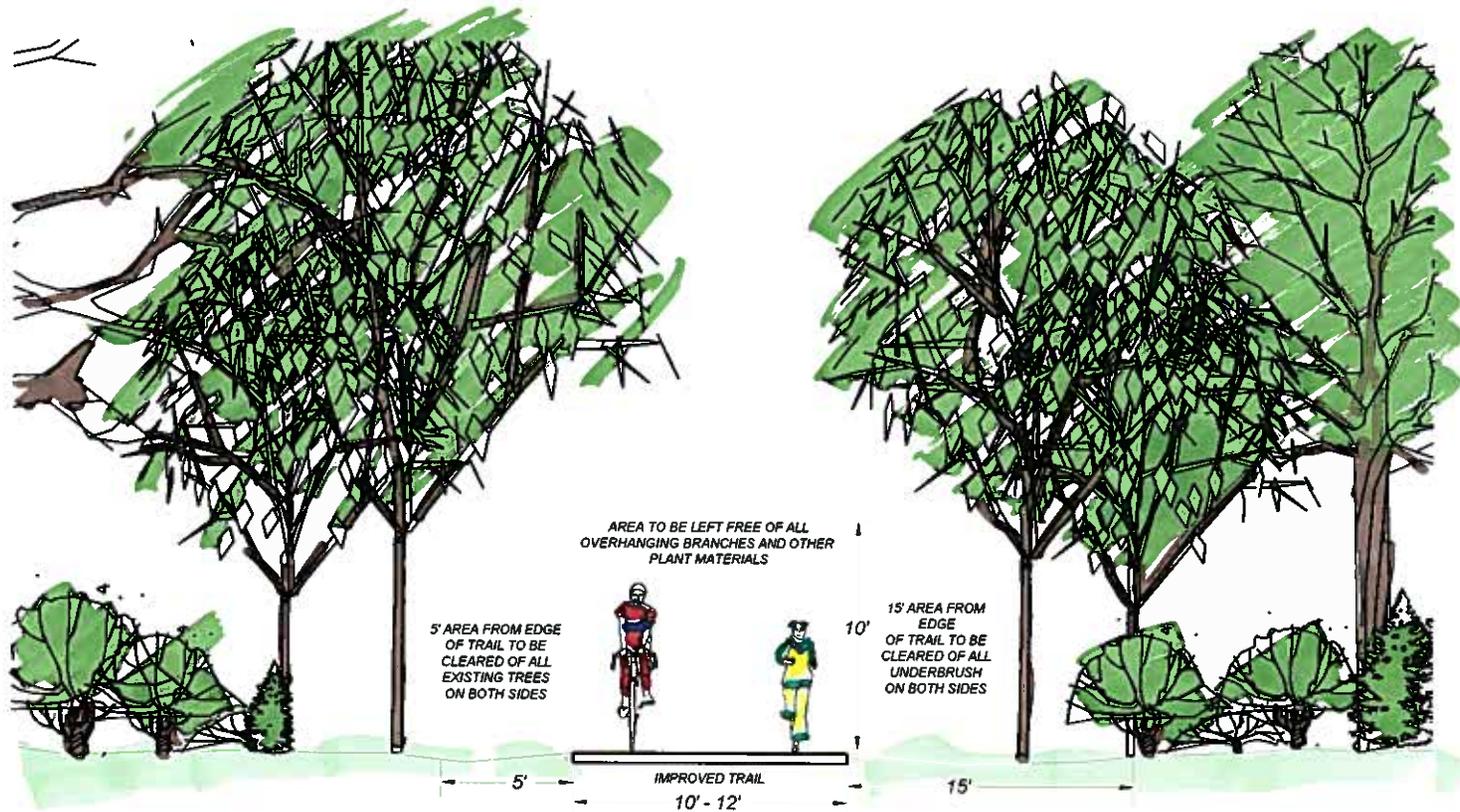
**NEIGHBORHOOD / TRANSIT /
CONNECTOR TRAIL**

SCALE AS SHOWN



Equestrian / ATV Trail

SCALE AS SHOWN



High Speed Hike/Bike Trail

SCALE AS SHOWN



AGENDA

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TYLER AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

>> Tuesday, February 3, 2009 <<

11:30 a.m.

Tyler Development Center, Large Conference Room, 423 W. Ferguson Street,
Tyler, Texas

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- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Proof of Posting, Determination of a Quorum and Introductions**
- III. **Consideration of Minutes from the previous meeting of the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization: September 19, 2008. [included in packet]**
- IV. **Discussion and Action: Presentation of the Regional Trail Plan**
Planning Concepts will present the Regional Trail Plan Draft as part of the Regional Greenbelt and Trail Corridor Study.
- V. **Discussion and Action: Presentation of the Base Year Model**
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Transportation Planning and Programming Division will present the base year model for the Tyler Metropolitan Area Boundary, which includes all Tyler Area MPO member cities.
- VI. **Discussion and Action: Consider Adoption of Revisions to the Tyler Area MPO By-Laws**
Discussion and action to revise the Tyler Area MPO By-Laws to establish positions for the City of Lindale and the City of Whitehouse and to increase the number of Policy Board members from nine to 11. The additional members will include one from the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) and one from an MPO member city, not being the City of Tyler, Lindale, or Whitehouse.



- C-A-2** Request that the City Council consider declaring certain City of Tyler Information Technology Services equipment as surplus and authorize for disposal.
- C-A-3** Request that the City Council consider declaring the attached list of City of Tyler vehicles and miscellaneous vehicle parts as surplus and ready for auction.
- C-A-4** Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution agreeing to the sale of a certain tract of land located at 315 Thigpen within the City of Tyler city limits and owned by taxing entities including the City of Tyler.
- C-A-5** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Natgun Concrete Tank Services for the removal of sealant from the Golden Road clearwell.
-  **C-A-6** Request that the City Council consider approving the assignment of the tax abatement agreement with Merit Tyler Property – 23, L.P., to Cebridge Acquisition, LP.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

-under section 551.071 "Litigation" deliberation regarding the following:

Pending or contemplated litigation involving Cascades and/or Western Rim developments

Litigation is, by its nature, an on-going process, and questions may arise as to trial tactics, which need to be explained to the City Council. Upon occasion, the City Council may need information from the City Attorney as to the status of the pending or contemplated litigation subjects listed above

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION

- R-1** Request that the City Council consider approving a Resolution nominating Brookshire Grocery Company for award of a State of Texas Enterprise Zone Project designation.

ORDINANCE

- O-1** Request that City Council consider conducting the annual investment policy review and consider approving an Ordinance adopting an updated investment policy for the balance of the current fiscal year and for Fiscal Year 2009-10 as part of the annual review process.

MISCELLANEOUS

- M-1** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to award the construction contract for the Meyers Avenue Improvements Project, to the low bidder, Traylor & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$266,519, which includes a Base Bid in the amount of \$114,189.50 and an Alternate Additive Bid in the amount of \$152,329.50.
- M-2** Request that the City Council consider ratifying staff action in the payment of \$100,642.80 to the Texas Department of Transportation for the City's portion of the construction cost for the Hillsboro and Gentry Parkway Safe Routes to School Project.
- M-3** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to award the Bus Shelter Bid to Brasco International in the amount of \$67,189.00 for Tyler Bid No. 09-025.
- M-4** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to award the Bus Stop Improvement Bid to Utz & Associates in the amount of \$73,250.00 for Tyler Bid No. 09-030.
- M-5** Request that the City Council consider approving the Bellwood Lake Master Plan as prepared by Planning Concepts, Incorporated.
- M-6** Request that City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to award Proposal Number 09-023 for the Parks and Recreation and Open Space Master Plan to MHS Planning and Design, LLC of Tyler, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$51,500 plus \$1,200 for reimbursable expenses.

(These items are considered to be routine or have been previously discussed, and can be approved in one motion, unless a Council Member asks for separate consideration of an item).

- C-A-1** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to renew an agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration to provide the Tyler Police Department's continued participation in the East Texas Drug Task Force.

A-2 The following employees were hired by the City of Tyler during the month of July 2009. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome these new employees.

Manuel	Angulo	Code Enforcement Officer	Neighborhood Services
Peter	Eng	Traffic Engineer	Traffic Department
Roxanne	McKinley	Transportation Operations Coordinator	Transit Department
Bianca	Cortez	PS Telecommunicator	Police Department
Lakisha	Reed	Public Safety Officer	Police Department
Stephen	Boles	Equipment Mechanic II	Vehicle Services
Gregory	Cantrell	Equipment Mechanic II	Vehicle Services

A-3 Request that the City Council consider accepting the “Distinguished Budget Presentation Award” for its Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget document from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

ZONING



Z-1 APPLICATION C08-09-007 WILLIAM ALAN CLOVER (ALLEY)

Request that the City Council consider closing an alley connecting Summerkamp Street and Gentry Parkway.

PRESENTATIONS



P-1 Request that the City Council consider designating Galloway Calhoun as a Half Mile of History recipient.



P-2 Request that the City Council consider designating Carnegie Library as a Half Mile of History recipient.



P-3 Request that the City Council consider designating Horace Chilton as a Half Mile of History recipient.



P-4 Request that the City Council consider receiving a presentation from Planning Concepts on behalf of the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Regional Trail Plan.



P-5 Request that the City Council considering receiving a presentation from the Neighborhood Services Department regarding the City’s Neighborhood Empowerment Works (NEW) 2009 Spring Program in District No. 3, which is represented by Councilman Caraway.

P-6 Request that the City Council considering receiving a presentation of the fiscal Year 2009–2010 Proposed Budget, then consider voting to place the proposed property tax rate on the September 23, 2009 City Council Agenda as an action item and scheduling public hearings on the proposed budget and proposed property tax rate to occur during the August 26, 2009 and the September 9, 2009 City Council Meetings.

1. **Invocation**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Minutes**

April 22, 2009

May 13, 2009

May 20, 2009 (SPECIAL CALLED)

EMPLOYEE AWARDS – RECOGNITIONS, SERVICE

A-1 Service Awards

20 Years

Richard Cashell

July 3, 1989 to July 3, 2009

Richard Cashell went to work for the City of Tyler on July 3, 1989 as a Police Officer in the Police Department, the position he currently holds. We are pleased to present Richard with an award for his 20 years of service with the City of Tyler.

David Cook

July 3, 1989 to July 3, 2009

David Cook went to work for the City of Tyler on July 3, 1989 as a Police Officer in the Police Department, the position he currently holds. We are pleased to present David with an award for his 20 years of service with the City of Tyler.

Juan Landeros

July 21, 1989 to July 21, 2009

Juan Landeros went to work for the City of Tyler on July 21, 1989 as a Laborer in the Parks and Recreation Department. On November 3, 1997 he was promoted to Groundskeeper, the position he currently holds. We are pleased to present Juan with an award for his 20 years of service with the City of Tyler.

Retirees

Max Nash

July 16, 1979 to July 24, 2009

Max Nash went to work for the City of Tyler on July 16, 1979 as a Fireman in the Fire Department. On September 1, 1982 he was promoted to Fire Driver and on August 12, 1986 he was promoted to Lieutenant. On March 11, 1988 he was promoted to Assistant Fire Marshall and on December 9, 1993 he was promoted to Fire Marshall, the position he held until his retirement. We are pleased to present Max Nash with a proclamation for his 30 years of service with the City of Tyler.

William Whitmill

October 4, 1976 to July 31, 2009

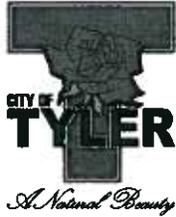
William Whitmill went to work for the City of Tyler on October 4, 1976 as a Laborer in the Solid Waste department. On February 8, 1981 he was promoted to Refuse Truck Driver and on May 5, 1986 he was promoted to Foreman, the position he held until his retirement. We are pleased to present William Whitmill with a proclamation for his 32 years of service with the City of Tyler.

Don Williams

March 1, 1982 to July 11, 2009

Don Williams went to work for the City of Tyler on March 1, 1982 as a Fireman in the Fire Department. On May 27, 1987 he was promoted to Fire Driver, the position he held until his retirement. We are pleased to present Don Williams with a proclamation for his 27 years of service with the City of Tyler.

These employees represent over 149 years of service with the City of Tyler.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

212 North Bonner

Tyler, Texas 75702

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Internet website <http://www.cityoftyler.org> and Cable Access Channel 3

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COURTESY RULES

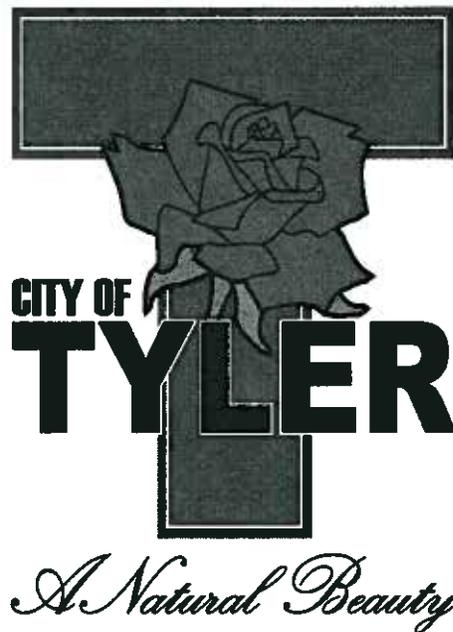
Thank you for your presence. The City Council appreciates your interest in Tyler City Government. To ensure fairness and orderly meetings, the Council has adopted rules of courtesy which apply to all members of the Council, Administrative Staff, News Media, Citizens and Visitors. If you wish to address the Council, obtain a speaker card from the receptionist's desk outside the Council Chambers, complete the information requested on the card, and deliver to the City Clerk before the meeting or as soon as you can. Speakers will be heard as the individual item(s) in which they have registered an interest come before the Council. Your remarks will be limited in duration depending on the number of people wanting to speak on a particular item. Delay or interruption of the proceedings will not be tolerated.

Invocation
Approval of Minutes
Election Items
Employee Awards – Recognitions, Service
Pins and Certificates
Zoning Items
Citizen/Staff/Consultant Presentations
Public Hearings
Adoption of Resolutions
Adoption of Ordinances
Miscellaneous Items
Consent Agenda
Appointments to Boards
Tabled Items
City Manager's Report
Recess for Executive Session

Icon Legend	
 Business and Economy	 North End Revitalization
 Downtown Master Plan	 Parks, Open Spaces, Recreation and Lakes
 Future Land Use	 Public Facilities and Services
 Historic Preservation	 Transportation and Circulation
 Housing, Neighborhoods and Community Identity	 Tyler 21 Plan

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**Wednesday, August 12, 2009
9:00 a.m.**



**Barbara Bass, Mayor
Sam Mezayek, District 1
Donald Sanders, District 2
Ralph Caraway, District 3
Chris Simons, District 4
Vacant, District 5
Charles Alworth, District 6**



**AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009 AT 12:00 NOON
GENECOV ROOM – BLACKSTONE BUILDING**

AGENDA

- I. WELCOME – GARY HALBROOKS, CHAIRMAN**
- II. INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL SYSTEM – STEPHANIE ROLLINGS, CHIEF PLANNER,
PLANNING CONCEPTS**
- IV. ETCOG PLANS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – JOHN HEDRICK,
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION**
- V. TXDOT UPDATE – VERNON WEBB, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION,
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**
- VI. * COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM UPDATE**
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
* NEWS ARTICLES/LETTERS**
- VIII. ADJOURN**

***ATTACHMENT**

ACTION ITEM



Notes: Top ten from public meeting

1. Bellwood Lane
2. Tr Rose Horse Park
3. UT TYLER
4. Art Museum
5. Camp Tyler
6. TOWN Faculty
7. Tyler State Park
8. Faulkner Park
9. Caldwell Zoo
10. LAKE TYLER EAST
UT HEALTH CENTER
MINEOLA Preserve

Contact:
Barbara Holly
City of Tyler
Phone 903-531-1175
Fax 903-531-1170

423 Ferguson
Tyler, Texas 75702



Press Release

Tyler Area Metropolitan Regional Trail Plan Public Meeting

Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to host a public meeting to gather citizen input on trail locations and connections

Tyler, Texas – August 14, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at Tyler Public Library (201 South College): The Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is asking for citizen input from all of the member cities as part of the Regional Trail Planning effort. Member Cities include Tyler, Whitehouse, Noonday, Lindale, New Chapel Hill, and the Hiway Lake Community. The meeting will include an introduction and purpose of the trail plan as well as a citizen comment period, which allow citizens to have input on strategic trail connections to such areas as parks, lakes, schools, and points of interest within their community.

This is your opportunity to help determine trail locations and connections. There will also be additional opportunities for citizen participation as the plan progresses.

For Release August 6, 2008



A G E N D A

**Regional Trail Plan - Advisory Committee
December 13, 2007
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
City of Tyler – Tyler Development Center
Large Conference Room
423 West Ferguson
Tyler, Texas 75702**

- I. Introduction of Consultant and Committee Members**
- II. What is the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**
- III. Project Overview**
- IV. Role of Advisory Committee**
- V. Logo Selection**
- VI. Discuss strategic connections for the trail plan**
- VII. Discuss locations and times for public meetings**
- VIII. Summary and next steps**



A G E N D A

Regional Trail Plan - Advisory Committee

December 1, 2008

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

City of Tyler – Tyler Development Center

Large Conference Room

423 West Ferguson

Tyler, Texas 75702

- I. Review updated draft document**
- II. Review all cross sections**
- III. Review designated trail types**
- IV. Review locations of trail heads**

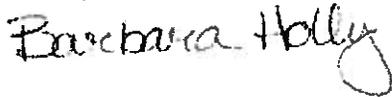
TO: Regional Trail Plan Advisory Committee
FROM: Barbara Holly, Tyler Area MPO
DATE: November 6, 2008
SUBJECT: Advisory Committee Meeting

We would like to invite the Regional Trail Plan Advisory Committee to attend our next committee meeting. **The next Advisory meeting will take place December 1, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. The location of the meeting will be the City of Tyler Development Center located at 423 Ferguson, Tyler, Texas in the Large Conference Room.**

At this meeting, Planning Concepts will introduce all cross sections, an updated draft (from the Nov. 3rd meeting), trail designations, and the locations for trail heads.

Please RSVP for this meeting by Friday, November 21st, 2008 by calling Tony Filippini, Senior Planner at (903) 531-1172 or e-mailing tfilippini@tylertexas.com. Feel free to reach us if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Barbara Holly, AICP Executive Director
Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Tyler Texas

Enclosures: Agenda



A G E N D A

**Regional Trail Plan - Advisory Committee
November 3, 2008
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
City of Tyler – Tyler Development Center
Large Conference Room
423 West Ferguson
Tyler, Texas 75702**

- I. Review draft document**
- II. Review preliminary routes**
- III. Review proposed cross-sections**

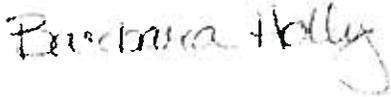
TO: Regional Trail Plan Advisory Committee
FROM: Barbara Holly, Tyler Area MPO
DATE: October 17, 2008
SUBJECT: Advisory Committee Meeting

We would like to invite the Regional Trail Plan Advisory Committee to attend our next committee meeting. **The next Advisory meeting will take place November 3, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. The location of the meeting will be the City of Tyler Development Center located at 423 Ferguson, Tyler, Texas in the Large Conference Room.**

At this meeting, Planning Concepts will introduce the draft document, preliminary routes, and proposed cross-sections for the committee's review.

Please RSVP for this meeting by Monday, October 27th, 2008 by calling (903) 531-1172 or e-mailing tfilippini@tylertexas.com. Feel free to reach us if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Barbara Holly, Executive Director
Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Tyler Texas

Enclosures: Agenda

3. **Make decisions and recommendations to the MPO Policy Committee and other local partners.** The Advisory Committee will be called upon to approve several elements of the plan and other important documents.
4. **Help the community find creative, effective, and long lasting solutions.** We will look to you as the “experts” on your community, and will count on you to help us understand what options make the most sense.
5. **Make decisions based on the good of the regions as a whole, rather than any special interest groups.** Good planning often requires communities to balance competing interests. Advisory Committee members will be expected to help understand and develop these balances.

Additionally, a meeting agenda is attached for your review. An overview of the trail project will be presented at the meeting. We look forward to working with you on this very exciting project for our region.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Rollings
Planning Concepts
www.urban-planners.com
Tyler Texas

Enclosures: Agenda
MPO Boundary Map



TO: Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Regional Trail Plan Advisory Committee

FROM: Stephanie Rollings, Planning Concepts

DATE: November 9, 2007

SUBJECT: Advisory Committee Welcome and Job Description

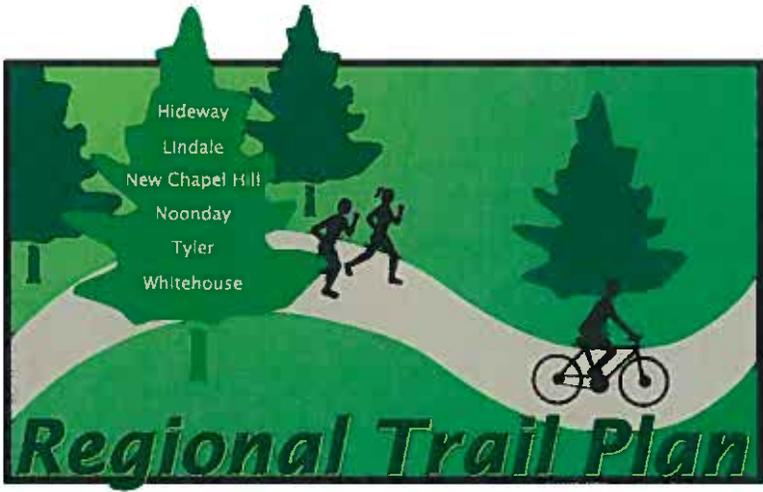
Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Tyler MPO Regional Trail Plan. You will play a central role in guiding the development of the plan. **The first Advisory meeting will take place December 13, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be the City of Tyler Development Center located at 423 Ferguson, Tyler, Texas.**

The Advisory Committee will help create and make decisions about the Plan at key points throughout the process. The Advisory Committee will ultimately be responsible for recommending the Regional Trail Plan to the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee, which includes representatives from all areas of Smith County. A map of the MPO boundary and subsequent planning area for the project is attached for your review.

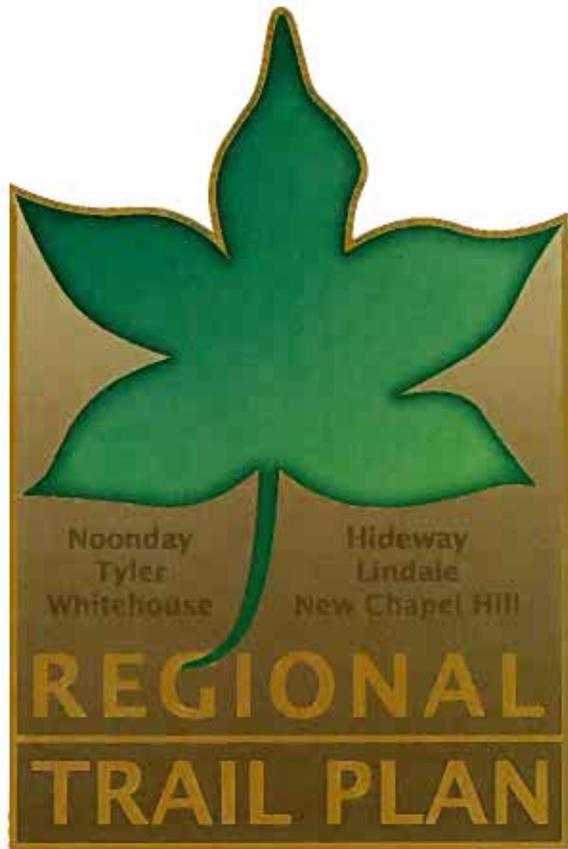
Advisory Committee members have several important responsibilities, including the following.

1. **Attend as many meetings as possible.** There is no required attendance, but you may find it difficult to participate in key decisions if you have missed an earlier meeting that presented important information.
2. **Participate in presentations.** Part of our job will be to help you learn about the importance for trail planning within the region. In some cases, we will provide materials for your review. Please ask questions and express your interpretations. We will also ask you to work with us, and in small peer groups, to edit parts of the text, revise maps, and complete other tasks.

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Stephanie Rollings

From: Karen Maxwell [kmaxwell@arpstatebank.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2007 8:25 AM
To: SROLLINGS@URBAN-PLANNERS.COM
Subject: CITY OF NEW CHAPEL HILL

At this time, the city of New Chapel Hill is not interested in being part of the steering committee. There are changes in the council. Right now, I do not have new contact information for you. The mayor is retiring and there will be a new secretary.

Thank you,
Karen Maxwell

8/30/2007

Stephanie Rollings

From: Owen Scott [owenscott@lindaletx.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2007 10:27 AM
To: Stephanie Rollings
Subject: RE: Status

Ms. Rollings,

At a regular meeting of the Lindale City Council on September 4th, the Council appointed Marcie Pink to represent the City on the Regional Trail Steering Committee. She may be reached at 903-705-4337. If you have further questions, please let me know.

Owen

From: Stephanie Rollings [mailto:srollings@urban-planners.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 11:36 AM
To: Owen Scott
Subject: Status

Mr. Scott:

Could we get an update on the status of the appointment to the Regional Trail Steering Comm? Will that occur fairly soon?

Thanks so much,

Stephanie Rollings
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purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as authorized by Section 551.072 of the Government Code, deliberation about real property and (b) threatened litigation as authorized by Section 551.073 of the Government Code, consultation with Attorney. The Council will now return to open session at _____ p. m.

Possible action on (a) purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property

Possible action on (b) threatened litigation-consultation with attorney

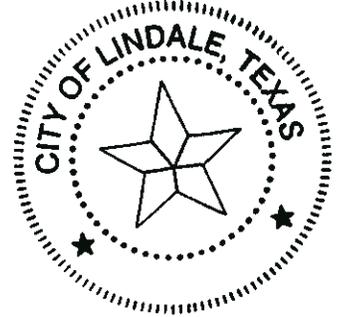
18. Workshop to discuss City Budget, future planning and current and future projects
19. Discussion and Possible Action to manage City Limits and Extra Territorial Jurisdiction boundaries negotiations (Councilman Morphis)
20. Adjournment

Note: The City Council may adjourn into Executive Session to consider any item listed on this agenda if a matter is raised that is appropriate for Executive Session discussion. An announcement will be made on the basis for the Executive Session discussion. The City Council may also publicly discuss an item listed on the agenda for Executive Session.

I, Owen Scott, City Administrator, certify that this agenda was posted on the front door of Lindale City Hall and the front door of Kinzie Community Center on August 3, 2007, before 6:00 p.m.


Owen Scott, City Administrator

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**Agenda
Lindale City Council
Tuesday, August 7, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Kinzie Community Center, 912 Mt. Sylvan**

Notice is hereby given as required by Title 5, Chapter 551.041 of the Government Code that the Lindale City Council will meet in a regular meeting on August 7, 2007, at 7:00 p. m. at Kinzie Community Center located at 912 Mt. Sylvan. The agenda is as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Invocation
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Citizen Talk Time
- F. Scheduled Business: Items may be taken in any order.
 1. Discussion and Action to approve a contract between the City of Lindale and Hal Maris concerning construction of new Municipal building (City Adm.)
 2. Discussion and Action to approve Work Order for Wisenbaker, Fix and Associates for engineering services for construction of C. R. 4200 (Code Enforcement)
 3. Discussion and Action to Approve Smith County 9-1-1 Communications District budget for year 2007-2008 (City Adm.)
 4. Discussion and Possible Action on a request by the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce concerning funding of Chamber/Tourism Director (City Administrator)
 5. Discussion and Action on appointment to Tyler MPO Steering Committee concerning regional trail plan (City Adm.)
 6. Public Hearing to receive comments concerning ordinance repealing Sections 2-51 through 2-59 of the Lindale Subdivision Ordinance concerning parks and recreation areas (Code Enforcement)
 7. Discussion and Action to Approve Ordinance Repealing Sections 2-51 through 2-59 of the Lindale Subdivision Ordinance concerning parks and recreation areas (Code Enforcement)
 8. Discussion and Action to approve final plat of Lowe's Addition being a re plat of Lot 4RA and Lot 4RB (Code Enforcement)
 9. Discussion and Action to approve Change Order for installing automatic watering system on soccer field at Faulkner Park (Code Enforcement)
 10. Discussion and Action to approve Ordinance Amending the International Plumbing Code as adopted to prohibit the use of cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) tubing under concrete surfaces, specifying the material to be used for water lines installed under concrete surfaces, and requiring a cut off valve (Utilities Superintendent)
 11. Discussion and Action to appoint person to fill vacant position on Lindale City Council Place 3 (Councilman Daugherty)
 12. Discussion and Action to amend contract between the City of Lindale and Lindale Garden Club to eliminate Sections A 10, 11,12, and 13 (Jim Mallory)
 13. Discussion and Action on request for fee increases for use of Kinzie House (Councilman Mallory)
 14. Discussion and Possible Action concerning Parrott Museum (Councilman Mallory)
 15. Discussion and Action to approve Work Order for Wisenbaker, Fix and Associates for engineering services for Agricultural Museum and Civic Center planning (City Adm.)
 16. Comments: Mayor, City Council, City Administrator
 17. Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law: The City Council will now convene into closed session on August 7, 2007 at _____ p. m. to deliberate (a) the



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VII. Discussion and Action: Consider Adoption of Revisions to the 2008 – 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The UPWP has been updated to reflect current financial data in an effort to adjust funding amounts allocated to tasks. Task 3.3 – Public Transportation Planning is amended to include a fixed-route study. A new subtask, 5.2 – Master Street Plan Update, is presented as an additional task to be completed in FY2009. The budget summaries have also been updated to conform to the new budget summary template.

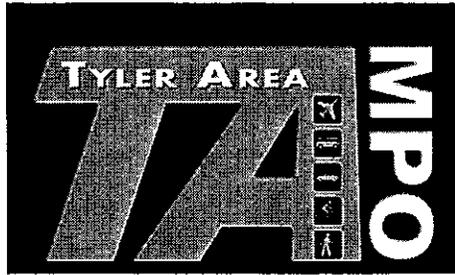
VIII. Discussion and Action: Consider Adoption of Tyler Area Projects Prioritized for the Federal Economic Stimulus Package

In anticipation of the Federal Economic Stimulus Package being considered by the U.S. Congress, the Tyler Area MPO has coordinated with the City of Tyler, Tyler Transit, and the Tyler District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to create a prioritized list of projects to be submitted for the Federal Economic Stimulus Package. Due to federal deadlines and the quick nature of the request, the list of projects was submitted to TxDOT on January 22, 2009, following review by the Tyler Area MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

IX. Staff Update

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) under public comment period for the addition of potential Economic Stimulus Package projects
- Mileage Based User Fee Study
- Status Report of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035 update

X. Adjourn



Meeting Notes

**Regional Trail Plan - Advisory Committee
December 1, 2008
12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
City of Tyler – Tyler Development Center
Large Conference Room
423 West Ferguson
Tyler, Texas 75710**

Meeting started at: 12:42pm

-Meeting items were presented by Mark Priestner and Stephanie Rollings of Planning Concepts:

- I. Review updated draft document**
- II. Review all cross sections**
- III. Review designated trail types**
- IV. Review locations of trail heads**

- The system includes approximately 172 miles of trail
- Most trails will utilize floodplain, parkland, and electric delivery easements
- Each trail is named and the plan indicates the type of facility it will be
- Headache Springs trail is the only one that will operate as an ATV facility
- Trailhead facilities are generally located where multiple trails meet up
- The group discussed the future of trail services on and along Toll Loop 49
- Planning Concepts intends to present the plan to the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NETRMA) and all municipal governments within the Tyler Area MPO boundary
- Within the City of Tyler, Old Omen and Grande road projects include an off-road hike and bike trail facility
- The plan now includes a three year plan update as part of the implementation
- Plan also includes a marketing campaign that will be lead by the Tyler Area MPO

-Planning Concepts will be presenting this plan to the Tyler Area MPO Policy Board Committee at their next meeting, tentative set for early/mid January 2009.

Meeting concluded at approximately 1:45pm

Attendees:

Advisory Committee Members:

- George Willingham
- David Gersch
- Eric Williams

Staff:

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| -Stephanie Rollings | - | Planning Concepts |
| -Mark Priestner | - | Planning Concepts |
| -Barbara Holly | - | Tyler Area MPO |
| -Heather Nick | - | Tyler Area MPO |
| -Tony Filippini | - | Tyler Area MPO |
| -Justin Smith | - | City of Tyler Traffic Department |
| -John Webb | - | City of Tyler Parks Department |
| -Dale Spitz | - | Texas Department of Transportation |

