



Updates from the Bergstrom Spur Platinum Planning Study

You are receiving this update about the [Bergstrom Spur Platinum Planning Study](#), which is a joint effort led by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the City of Austin Urban Trails Program. This study is reviewing options to redevelop a roughly 6-mile former rail line in south Austin into a hike and bike trail with potential for transit.



Thank you to those who have already participated in the community input process for the study. Your input has been used to help shape concepts for the future redevelopment of the corridor, which we plan to present during a Virtual Public Meeting this summer. Stay tuned for details!

Since September of 2019, the project team has conducted thorough outreach by joining community meetings, hosting an in-person and online open house, visiting with area residents and businesses, and using online surveys to collect input from a broad range of stakeholders.



Based on the input received, there is overwhelming support and enthusiasm to redevelop the corridor into a hike and bike trail and to incorporate options for future transit along the route. Community members recognized the need to improve connectivity, accessibility, and safety between east and west Austin and expand mobility options in South Austin.



What We Heard

- Use the corridor to improve connectivity between trail systems, transit, and the airport
- Develop the corridor to allow for future transit options that are interconnected with trails
- Develop safe, well-lit trails for biking and walking that also improve the safety and sense of place of the neighboring areas

From the community meetings, conversations, and comments, we learned key takeaways and specific insights into the segments of the corridor. This input will be used to develop concepts that will be presented in the next phase of outreach and will be used in the planning and design concepts to be presented during the future Virtual Public Meeting. Below is a short summary:

SEGMENT	WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE
West – Vinson Drive to S. Congress Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe residential connections to trail• More dedicated crossings, routes, lanes• More parking at South Congress Transit Center, better access to transit, rapid connection to airport, and bike parking/lockers• Connection to other existing and future trails nearby• Potential to use far west end for affordable/tiny houses, pocket park, exercise facilities• Opportunities for an outdoor classroom at St. Elmo Elementary
Central – S. Congress Avenue to Todd Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved IH-35 crossing; currently this intersection is dangerous and difficult to navigate• Use of surrounding businesses and partnerships to enhance sense of place• Amenities such as benches and art to make the corridor more attractive and usable• Safe, accessible pathways to housing, restaurants, cafes, bars and other small businesses in the area
East – Todd Lane to 183	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Want to be considered a destination, not just a pass-through area• How to address the influx of large employers and increased traffic/safety concerns• Improvements to sidewalks• More connections to existing and future transit options• Spaces for small businesses to provide food and amenities to commuter population• Easy connection to the airport

We hope you will stay plugged in to upcoming developments. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our project team if you have any questions or additional comments. You can reach Claudia Arniella at 512-761-2224 or carniella@cdandp.com.