



ITEM 14

Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: November 13, 2012

Prepared By: Charlie Watts **Phone #:** 854-7654

Division Director/Manager: Anna Bowlin, Development Svcs and Long Range Planning

Department Head: Steven M. Manilla, P.E., County Executive-TNR

Sponsoring Court Member: Commissioner Davis, Precinct One

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Consider and take appropriate action on a Transportation Enhancement Program project (Decker Lane/FM 3177 sidewalk) submittal located in Precinct One.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On September 14, 2012, TxDOT issued a call for projects under the Transportation Enhancement (TE) program. The TE program focuses on non-traditional transportation projects. For a project to be eligible, the project must relate to surface transportation and fall under one of twelve qualifying categories:

- 1) Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles (H),
- 2) Provision of safety and education activities for pedestrians and bicyclists (H),
- 3) Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites (M),
- 4) Scenic or historic highway programs including providing tourist and welcome center facilities (M),
- 5) Landscaping and other scenic beautification (M),
- 6) Historic preservation (L),
- 7) Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities including historic railroad (L),
- 8) Preservation of abandoned railway corridors, including conversion and use for pedestrian and bicycle trails (H),
- 9) Control and removal of outdoor advertising (L),
- 10) Archeological planning and research (L),
- 11) Environmental mitigation (H),
- 12) Establishment of transportation museums (L).

The program call is for approximately \$70 million statewide. Of that \$70 million, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) will receive half of the funds, \$35 million, and can allocate funds to projects up to their predetermined level. The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) region is estimated to

receive \$3,000,000 and will award those projects by March 2013. Projects not selected in the CAMPO process will be eligible for consideration in the statewide competitive program and will be evaluated by the Transportation Enhancement Project Evaluation Committee and selected by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) in the summer of 2013.

At its October 2012 meeting, the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board adopted the following priority groupings for selection of candidate TE projects within the five-county CAMPO planning area. Three levels of project priority were approved; High (H), Medium (M), and Low (L). The priorities are identified next to each category. These priorities will be used for CAMPO Policy Board selection of Transportation Enhancement projects only. The Statewide call does not give preferential treatment to any category.

Travis County along with partners, TxDOT and the City of Austin, propose to submit an application under Category 1 (provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, a high priority category as identified by the CAMPO Policy Board). The proposed project is to construct a five foot wide by 1.63 mile concrete sidewalk within 60' of existing right-of-way (ROW) along the west side of Decker Lane (FM 3177) from Loyola Lane to Daffan Lane. The sidewalk is considered the first phase of future improvements that will increase the safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists within this corridor. Currently, no sidewalks exist along this section of Decker Lane.

The project is expected to provide for an additional transportation mode to underserved area populations that rely on alternative modes of transportation especially to make local trips. The sidewalk will connect two existing schools, Decker Elementary School and Decker Middle School to existing neighborhoods, provide connectivity to the Travis County Exposition Center, provide for connectivity to a future regional hike and bike trail being constructed by the City of Austin (Austin to Manor Rail Trail), provide connectivity to two existing CapMetro transit stops and increase connectivity to a local retail/convenience store at a major intersection of Loyola Lane and Decker Lane. See Exhibit 1- Location Map.

The project also addresses improvements to help alleviate potential automobile and pedestrian/bicycle conflicts along Decker Lane. In 2009, an auto/pedestrian fatality occurred along this roadway section and most recently on August 13, 2012, a 13-year old bicyclist was killed while riding his bike on Decker Lane just south of Daffan Lane.

Travis County is the sponsoring agency for the project and is required to submit the project nomination form (see Exhibit 2) and an official funding resolution stating its willingness to commit to the implementation, development, construction maintenance

and financing of the project (see Exhibit 3). The project nomination deadline is November 16, 2012.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TNR Staff recommends that the Commissioners Court approve the Decker Lane (FM 3177) Sidewalk project and the supporting funding resolution for submission to the Transportation Enhancement program.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

The TE program is not a grant; funds provided are on a cost reimbursement basis.

Reimbursement is up to 80 % of allowable costs.

Total cost for construction and TxDOT Administrative expenses is \$1,912,472. The requested amount of federal funds is \$1,529,977. A 20% match is required totaling, \$382,494. TE rules require the sponsor, Travis County, to commit to paying the 20% match, however, Travis County and the City of Austin will split equally the cost of the 20% match. Travis County's share is \$191,247. The City of Austin will enter into an interlocal agreement that will be developed after the project is selected for their \$191,247 share.

Preliminary engineering (P/E) and design is not eligible for federal funding. Travis County and the City of Austin will jointly share in those costs and enter into an interlocal agreement that will be developed if the project is selected. Current estimated P/E and design costs are \$299,343; Travis County's and the City's shares will each be \$149,672.

A portion of the project is located within the City of Austin.

For this project category, matching funds are available for construction only.

Projects must be under construction within four years from date of selection or risk the loss of funds.

Funds cannot be used for right-of-way acquisition. No ROW funds will be required since this project will be constructed within the existing ROW.

Project letting and construction administration and management will be provided by TxDOT.

TxDOT and the City of Austin will provide for sidewalk maintenance.

The Decker Lane sidewalk project will be submitted under Category 1 which is a High Priority type project as identified by the CAMPO Policy Board at its October 2012 meeting.

The project will provide to area residents:

- Safer connections from local schools to surrounding neighborhoods,
- An alternative mode helping reduce single occupant trips in the region,
- Connectivity to a future regional hike and bike trail,
- Connectivity to a major events center,
- Reductions in existing and potential auto/pedestrian and bicycle conflicts,
- Connectivity to existing transit stops, neighborhoods and schools,
- Connectivity to a local convenience and retail center.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Travis County must provide a 20% local match, or \$382,494 if the project is selected. The City of Austin will provide half of the 20% match through a future interlocal agreement if the project is selected. These matches will only be necessary if the project is selected by the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board or the Transportation Enhancement Program Evaluation Committee (TEPEC) in the summer of 2013. The source of the funding for the Travis County match will come from Precinct One 2001 bond savings.

Additionally, Travis County and the City of Austin will cost share on the preliminary engineering and design of the project which was not eligible for TE funding. Total cost of the preliminary engineering and design is \$299,343. The City of Austin will provide half of the cost of this work and funds will be secured through a future interlocal agreement. The source of funding for Travis County's portion will come from Precinct One 2001 bond savings.

Total current estimated costs for Travis County's 50% of the 20% match and preliminary engineering is \$340,918.50. The \$340,918.50 will come from 2001 Precinct One 2001 bond savings in fund center 1490190000, fund 4058, GL Account 521040.

TxDOT and the City of Austin are responsible for maintenance of the project.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit 1- Location Map
- Exhibit 2- Nomination Form
- Exhibit 3- Funding Resolution

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

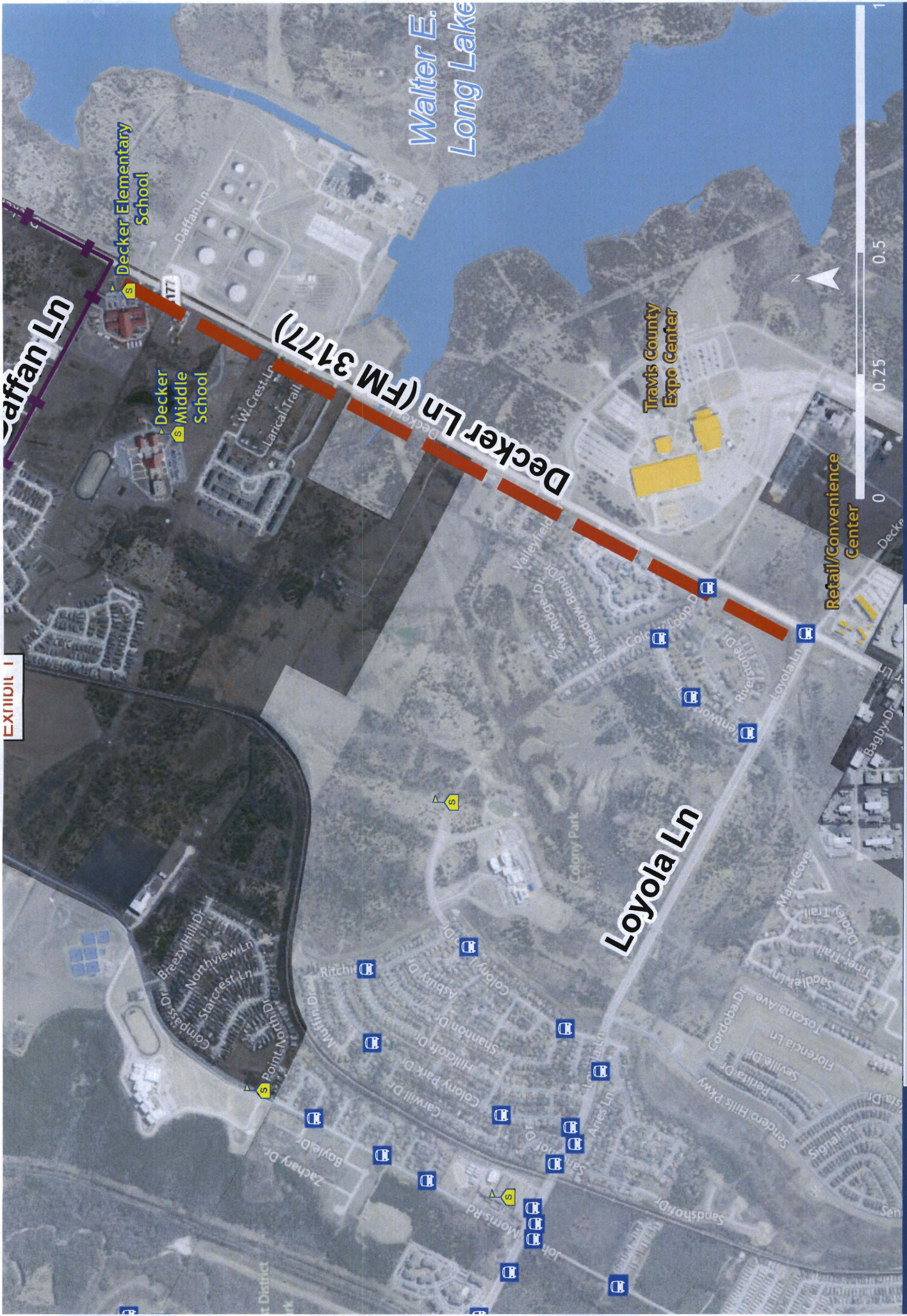
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Jessica Rio	Budget Manager	PBO	854-4455
Tom Nuckols	County Attorney	County Attorney's Office	854-9415
Travis Gatlin	Budget Analyst	PBO	854-9700

CC:

Ed Collins	Planning Manager	TXDoT	854-7041
Teri McManus	Principle Planner	COA Transp. Dept.	974-6447
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Randy Nicholson	Long Range Planning Mgr.	TNR	854-4603
Donna Williams	Sr. Financial Analyst	TNR	854-7677

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Proposed Decker Ln. Sidewalk Project

- Proposed Sidewalk
- Future Austin-Manor Rail Trail
- CapMetro Bus Stop
- CoA Incorporated Area

Exhibit 2

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**Decker Lane (FM 3177) Sidewalk Project
Nomination Package**

**Texas Transportation Enhancement Program
2012**

Sponsoring Agency:

Travis County

Partners:

City of Austin

Texas Department of Transportation

November 16, 2012



TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM 2012

Additional information can be found in the Transportation Enhancement Program Guide:
www.txdot.gov/business/governments/te.htm

1. Project Name

Decker Lane (FM 3177) Sidewalk

2. Project Location

Austin, Texas

County: Travis

TxDOT District: Austin

Project Limits (point to point): Loyola Lane to Daffan Lane

Project Length (feet/miles), if applicable: 1.62 miles

Building Dimensions, (size in square feet), if applicable:

State of Texas/Legislature

House of Representatives

District #: 46

Name: Representative Dawna Dukes

District #:

Name:

District #:

Name:

State Senate

District #: 14

Name: Senator Kirk Watson

District #:

Name:

District #:

Name:

Federal Congressional

House of Representatives

District #: 25

Name: Congressman Lloyd Doggett

District #: 10

Name: Congressman Michael McCaul

District #:

Name:

3. Qualifying Category

(1) Provision of Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles

4. Nominating Entity

County

5. Nominating Entity Contact Information

Contact Person: Steven M. Manilla, P.E.

Title: County Executive, TNR

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1748

City: Austin

State: Texas

Zip Code: 78767-1748

Fax: 512-854-4697

Daytime Telephone: 512-854-9429

Email: steven.manilla@co.travis.tx.us

6. Project Description

(Limited to 3500 Characters with spaces)

Travis County along with partners, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and the City of Austin (COA) propose constructing a 5 foot wide by 1.62 mile concrete sidewalk within 60' of existing right-of-way along the west side of Decker Lane (FM 3177) from Loyola Lane to Daffan Lane. The alignment will require a separate 10' wide bridge structure to be constructed to cross a portion of Decker Creek. The sidewalk is considered the first phase of future improvements that will increase the safety and mobility for non-motorized users within this corridor. Currently, no sidewalks exist and there are inadequate shoulders to support pedestrians and bicyclists. The proposed sidewalk will be constructed within existing State owned right-of-way.

Decker Lane (FM 3177) is part of the State's Farm to Market system and exists as a 4-lane, undivided rural section arterial within 60' of State owned right-of-way. The road is currently a major north/south arterial connecting FM 969 to US 290 East. A future improvement project will connect Decker Lane to Harris Branch Parkway likely increasing future traffic volumes. The potential conflict of pedestrians and motorized vehicles is expected to increase due to new residential development occurring along the roadway and the current location of two existing Manor ISD schools, Decker Elementary School and Decker Middle School.

Additionally, the project will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing motorized single occupant trips and will provide new pedestrian connectivity to the following traffic generators:

- a future regional hike and bike trail (Austin to Manor Rail Trail)
- a regional events center (Travis County Expo Center)
- existing transit stops located along Loyola Lane and Colony Loop Drive
- a local retail and convenience center at the intersection of Decker Lane and Loyola Lane

The project will provide increased safety for residents using the roadway. In three of the last five years, Decker Lane has had crash rates higher than statewide averages, see project information. This is a particular problem for bicyclists and pedestrians since there are inadequate shoulders and no sidewalks combined with a 60 mph speed limit. Two auto/pedestrian and bicycle fatalities have occurred since 2009. Recently, in August 2012, a 13-year old bicyclist was killed just south of Daffan Lane while riding his bike on Decker Lane. No sidewalks or bike lanes are located in this section of Decker Lane.

The project will provide new accessibility and connectivity for residents living in an economically distressed census place. Demographics from the 2010 Census found block groups bordering along the project had minority populations between 74.2% to 99.5% and per capita income ranging from \$9,923 to \$24,077. Two census tracts bordering the project found 30.3% of the population below poverty level.

Travis County will provide a 20% match of the requested funds, of which the COA will provide half through a future interlocal agreement. Additionally, Travis County and the COA will obligate \$299,400 to complete the preliminary engineering and design of the project. TXDOT will oversee project letting, construction administration and management.

7. Project Information

Directional Maps, Site Maps, General Floor Plans, and Photographs
(Label Attachment as 'Project Information - Attachment A')
(No more than 10 pieces)

8. Official Local Government Funding Resolution

(Label attachment as 'Certification of Funding and Support - Attachment B')
(No more than 10 pieces)

9. MPO Letter of Support (if applicable)

(Label attachment as 'MPO/COG Letter of Support - Attachment E')
(No more than 10 pieces)

10. Evidence of Public Involvement and Support

(Label attachments as 'Evidence of Public Involvement and Support - Attachment C')
(No more than 10 pieces)

A. Attach letters of support and other documentary evidence of public interest.
(No more than 10 pieces)

B. Provide dates and information about public meetings and events held to discuss the project.
(Limited to 1,640 Characters with spaces)

May 24, 2010 Adoption of CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, includes Bicycle and Pedestrian Accomodation Plan

November 13, 2012- Travis County Commissiners Court Resolution of Suport for project, included opportunity for public comment

Letters of Support-
Manor Independent School District
State Senator - Kirk Watson (requested)
State Representative- Dawnna Dukes (requested)
Travis County Commissioner Precinct One- Ron Davis (requested)
Capital Metro (requested)
Capital Area MPO
Colony Park HA (no response)

C. Ranking by Nominator

1 of 1

11. Property Ownership and Acquisition Information

(Label attachments as 'Property Ownership and Acquisition Information - Attachment D')
(No more than 10 pieces)

All proposals must provide documentation of the Nominator's property rights by title of ownership, lease, or easement for all property within the project limits.

Is the property needed for the project already acquired? Yes No

If No - How will it be acquired? Describe. (include commitment letter by current owner that the property's interest will be transferred upon approval)

If Yes - When was the property acquired and how? Describe.

Property is in State of Texas ownership.

Was the property acquired in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act? Yes No

12. SHPO Certificate of Eligibility - National Register of Historic Places (if applicable)

(Contact the State Historic Preservation Officer through THC)
(Label attachment as 'SHPO Certificate of Eligibility - Attachment F')

13. Scenic Easement/Historic Site Designation (if applicable)

Projects proposing acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, must provide documentary evidence from the appropriate city, county, state or national entity indicating official designation. (Label attachment as 'Scenic Easement/Historic Site Designation - Attachment G')

14. Evaluation of Work Involving Environmental Mitigation (if applicable)

Projects proposing environmental mitigation must provide documentary evidence from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicating their technical evaluation of the project. (Label attachment as 'Evaluation of Work Involving Environmental Mitigation - Attachment H')

15. Railroad Right of Entry Letter/Agreement (if applicable)

Projects proposing to encroach or cross railroad right of way, must include documentary evidence from the railroad granting a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement. (Label attachment as 'Railroad Right of Entry Letter/Agreement - Attachment I')

16. Local Bicycle Plan (if applicable)

Projects proposing to build facilities for bicycles must include documentary evidence from the city or county stating that the project has been included in the entity's bicycle plan, if applicable, or the bicycle element of the transportation component of the entity's comprehensive plan. (Label attachment as 'Local Bicycle Plan - Attachment J')

17. Projected Time Estimate

Estimate the amount of time it will take to complete the project from start to finish. Approximate the time required for each activity. The activities can run concurrently causing the total time to be different from the total of the activities. Consider time for (but not limited to):

Months

- Planning Activities**
(Executing contract, hiring consultant, planning, schematic and design, utility relocation, etc.)
- Environmental Clearance**
(Assessments, possible mitigation for Hazardous Materials, permits, review by THC, COE, etc.)
- ROW Acquisition**
(Surveying, appraisals, title transfer, clearance...)
- Project Design and Plan Preparation of PS&E Package**
(Including PS&E Review by TxDOT District, Austin Divisions, TDLR, and other agencies...)
- Project Construction/Implementation**
(Advertising/hiring contractor, demolition, construction, inspection...)
- Other**

Projected Time in Months

18. Maintenance and Operations

Estimate maintenance and operations costs of the project. If applicable, determine the amount of any anticipated income derived from the project. (yearly basis)

Maintenance \$ Operations \$ Income \$

Identify all parties responsible for the maintenance and operations of the project:

19. Project Budget Summary

List all construction costs to be incurred by the nominating entity on pages 6-8 for a complete itemized cost estimate. **Generally, preliminary engineering (including planning, design, and plans, specifications, and estimates) are not allowable costs.**

Total Construction Costs:	1.	1,663,019
Planning Costs (Category 2, 4, 9, 10 Only):	2.	0
Right of Way Costs (Category 3 Only):	3.	0
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Subtotal of Expenses (Line 1 - Line 3):	4.	1,663,019
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TxDOT Administrative Expenses (15% of Line 4)	5.	249,453
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Total Project Cost:	6.	\$1,912,472
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Local Match:		
20% of Total Project Cost (Line 6)	7.	\$382,494
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Federal Funds Requested:	80% of Line 6	8. \$1,529,977

The minimum amount of local cash match required is 20%. Sponsors are not limited in their maximum local match. If a larger local match is provided, please adjust the percentages accordingly.

20. Project Commitment

By submitting an application, the nominating entity commits that if this project is selected for funding, it will be brought to a successful bid award within four years from selection. The construction plans for this project are currently:

- Complete
- % Complete
- Not Started

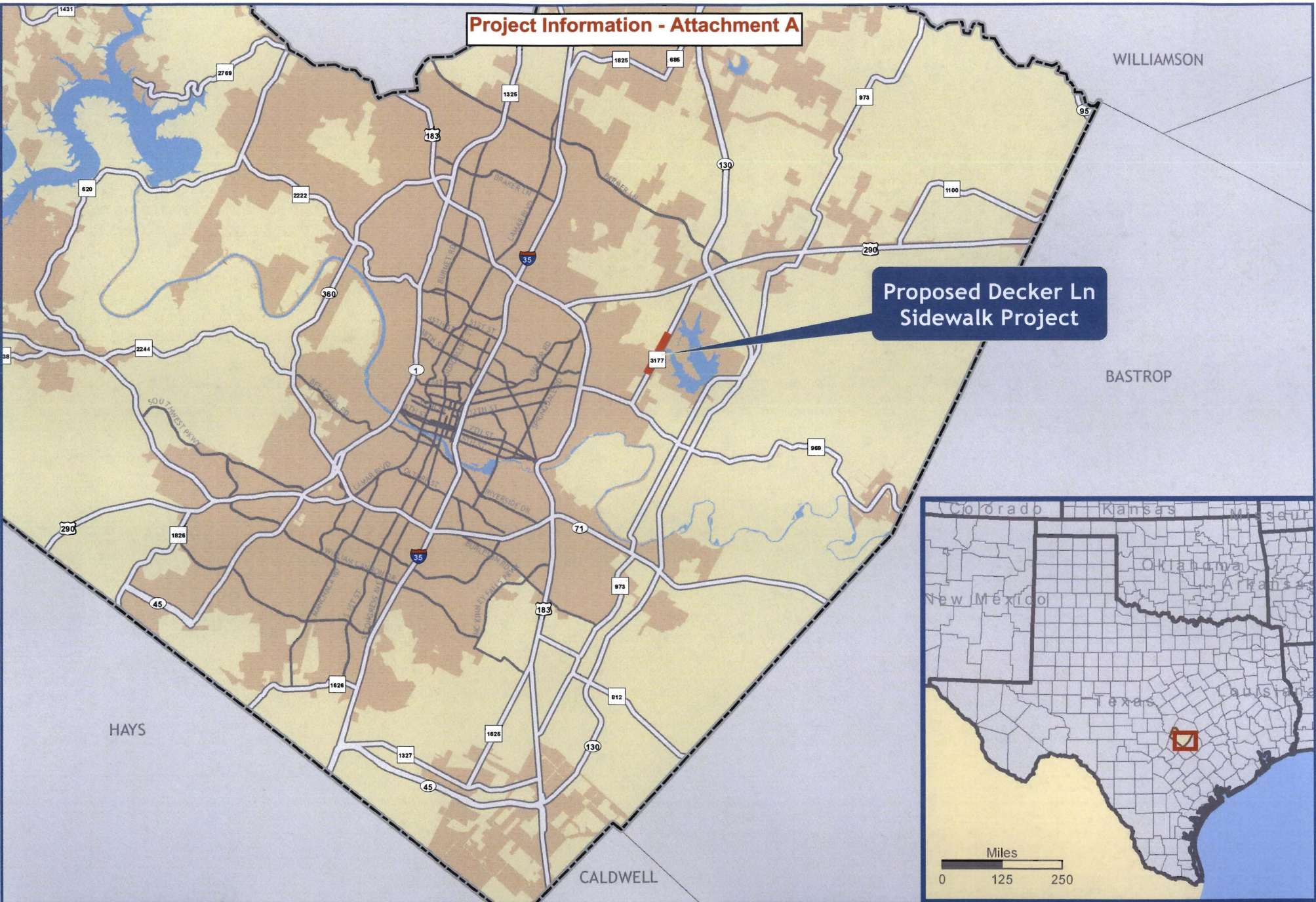
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_____ <i>Printed Name</i>
_____ <i>Date</i>

The nomination form must be signed by a representative of the local entity that has signature authority.

Complete nomination packages must be received at the district by the final due date and include one signed original, three additional copies and three CDs containing an electronic file of the nomination form in a Microsoft Windows Excel 2010 format (.xlsm), including PDF versions of all attachments.

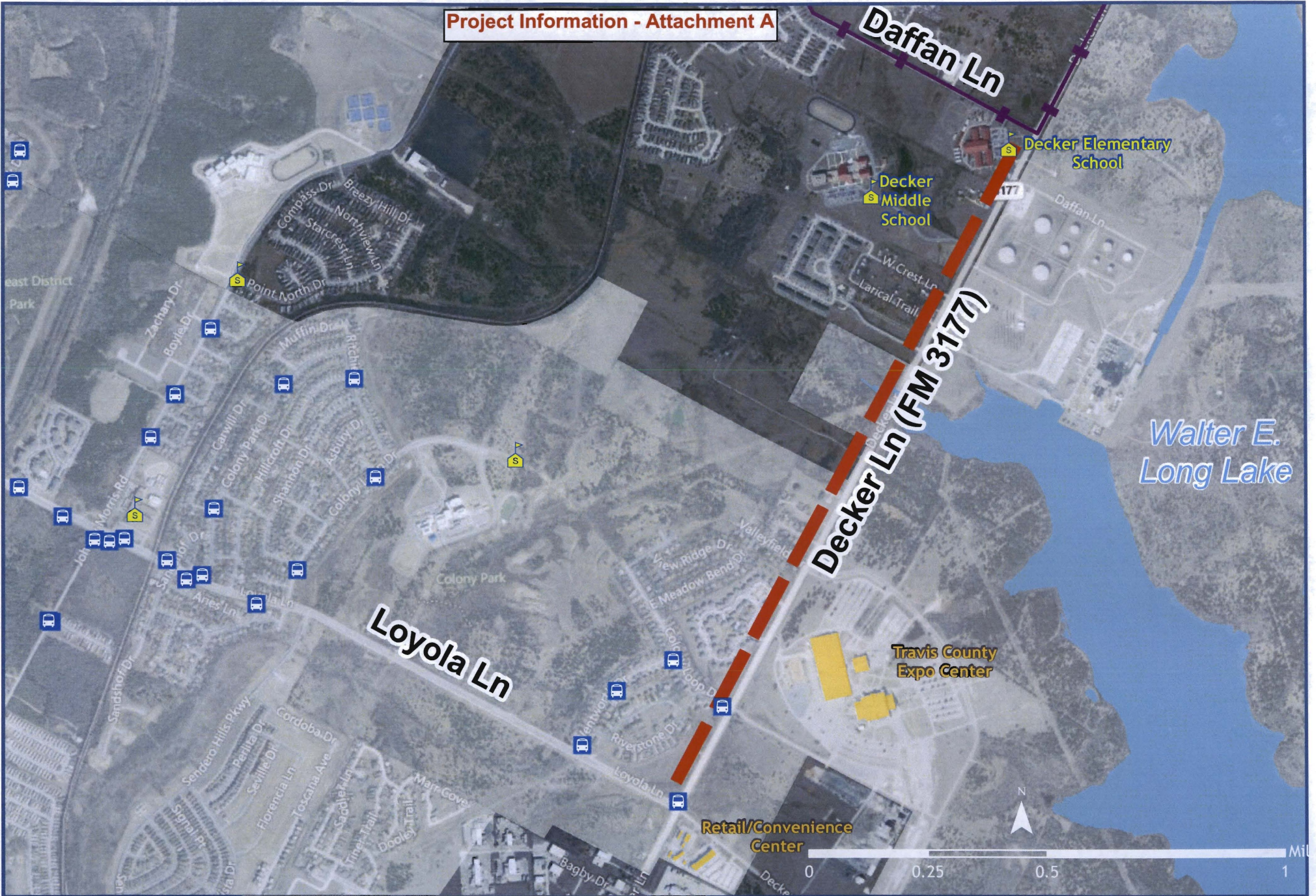
**FINAL SUBMISSION DUE DATE FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION
Friday, November 16, 2012 by 5:00pm CST**

Project Information - Attachment A



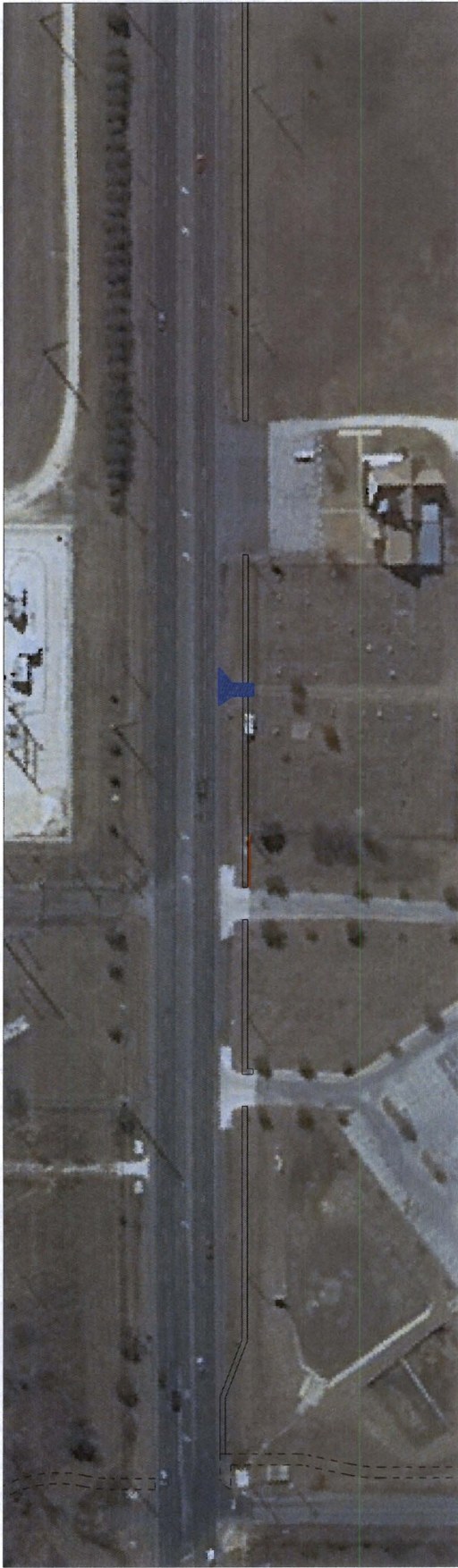
Proposed Decker Ln Sidewalk Project

Project Information - Attachment A



**Proposed Decker Ln.
Sidewalk Project**
Transportation Enhancement Program

- - - Proposed Sidewalk
- CapMetro Bus Stop
- Schools
- - - Future Austin-Manor Rail Trail
- CoA Incorporated Area



Project Information - Attachment A



1) Looking southbound on Decker Lane approaching Colony Loop



2) Colony Loop at Decker Lane intersection looking south toward Loyola Lane

Project Information - Attachment A



3) Approaching Bridge on Decker Lane looking northbound



4) Bridge on Decker Lane looking northbound

Project Information - Attachment A



5) Southbound Decker Lane near Mayview (Pedestrian walking in shoulder)

Project Information – Attachment A

CRASH DATA SUMMARY

DATE PREPARED: 10-23-12

CONTROL: 3277-01
HIGHWAY: FM 3177
COUNTY: Travis

LIMITS: 0.1 Mi. North of Daffan Ln. to 0.1 Mi. South of Loyola Ln.
MILEPOINT: 2.889 - 4.714 (CRIS) -- Daffan Ln. = 2.989; Loyola Ln. = 4.614
LENGTH: 1.825 Mi.

Crashes by Severity						
Year	Non-Injury or Property Damage Only (PDO)	Possible Injury (C)	Non-Incap. Injury (B)	Incapacitating Injury (A)	Fatal (K)	Total
2007	2	4	2	0	0	8
2008	5	7	2	1	0	15
2009	9	4	5	0	1	19
2010	3	4	1	0	0	8
2011	5	3	3	0	0	11
Total	24	22	13	1	1	61
%	39.3%	36.1%	21.3%	1.6%	1.6%	100.0%
2012YTD	9	4	-	1	1	-

Crashes by Major Type of Collision								
Year	Head On	Run Off Road/Fixed Object/Overturn (ROR/FO/OT)	Side-swipe	Rear End	Left Turn	Angle	Other	Total
2007	0	3	1	0	2	2	0	8
2008	2	0	2	2	3	6	0	15
2009	0	1	1	6	6	3	2	19
2010	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	8
2011	0	0	0	6	2	3	0	11
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
2012YTD	1	1	1	4	7	-	1	-

Project Information – Attachment A

Crash Rates with Comparison to Statewide Averages					
Year	Total Crashes	ADT	Crash Rate	Statewide Average - Urban Farm-to-Market	Statewide Average - Urban 4+ Lane, Undivided
2007	8	8000	150.12	222.49	285.20
2008	15	5900	381.67	230.95	298.14
2009	19	5500	518.60	226.96	285.63
2010	8	6300	190.63	216.71	278.92
2011	11	6300	262.12	190.57	252.52

NOTES: Only reportable motor vehicle traffic crashes were queried for this summary. A reportable motor vehicle traffic crash is defined as: "Any crash involving a motor vehicle in transport that occurs or originates on a traffic way, results in injury to or death of any person, or damage to the property of any one person to the apparent extent of \$1,000."

Source of data is the TxDOT-maintained Crash Records Information System (CRIS) as of 10-19-12. Crash data from the most recent year (2012YTD) may be incomplete; it has not been finalized or certified.

All crash rate figures given in number of crashes per 100 million vehicle miles.

Certification of Funding and Support – Attachment B

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- Whereas,* the Texas Department of Transportation issued a call for nominations in September 2012 for communities to apply for federal highway funding assistance made available through the Transportation Enhancement Program; and
- Whereas,* Travis County, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT), and the City of Austin are partnering on a Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) application; and
- Whereas,* the Travis County Commissioners Court supports the implementation of the Decker Lane Sidewalk Project in Precinct One; and
- Whereas,* the application for funds from the Transportation Enhancement Program requires a resolution from the Travis County Commissioners Court that provides a commitment to provide a minimum 20% local funding match;
- Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Travis County Commissioners Court,* support funding this project as shown in the nomination budget (including the 20% local match) and commits to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing. The nominating entity is willing and able to enter into an agreement with TXDoT by resolution or ordinance should the project receive funding.

Adopted and approved on this the 13th day of November, 2012.

Samuel T. Biscoe
County Judge

Ron Davis
Commissioner, Precinct One

Sarah Eckhardt,
Commissioner, Precinct Two

Karen Huber
Commissioner, Precinct Three

Margaret J. Gomez
Commissioner, Precinct Four



Russell W. Wallace

Deputy Superintendent

October 25, 2012

The Honorable Sam Biscoe
Travis County Judge
P.O. Box 1748
Austin, Texas 78701

Subject: Decker Lane (FM 3177) Sidewalk Project Application Support

Dear Judge Biscoe,

The Manor Independent School District fully supports Travis County along with its partners the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT) on their proposed Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) application for the Decker Lane (FM 3177) sidewalk project, connecting Loyola Lane to Daffan Lane. The project will provide for a safer alternative for students as well as pedestrians walking along Decker Lane.

The project will benefit students going to two Manor ISD schools, Decker Lane Elementary School and Decker Lane Middle School, located along the proposed sidewalk alignment. The new sidewalk project will also increase safety by reducing potential auto/pedestrian and bicycle conflicts. In August 2012 an auto/bicyclist fatality occurred along this section of roadway.

Additionally, the project will provide connectivity to a regional future hike and bike trail (Austin to Manor Rail Trail) being planned by the City of Austin. The trail will connect the South Walnut Creek Trail at Johnny Morris Road and Daffan Lane, run north through Walter E. Long Park and end at Ben E. Fisher Park within the City of Manor.

The Manor Independent School District supports the Decker Lane (FM 3177) Sidewalk Project for funding under the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Sincerely,

Russell W. Wallace
Deputy Superintendent
Manor Independent School District



October 23, 2012

Steven M. Manilla, P.E.
County Executive, TNR
P.O. Box 1748
Austin, Texas 78767-1748

Dear Mr. Manilla,

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) serves as the regional transportation planning agency for Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties. The CAMPO region includes Travis County completely within its designated planning area. Travis County intends to submit an application to receive TxDOT Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) funding for a 1.63 mile sidewalk along the west side of Decker Lane between Loyola Lane and Daffan Lane.

This Decker Lane sidewalk project is included in the *CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan* in a project grouping. The project also supports the *CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan* by closing existing sidewalk gaps and being located in a priority pedestrian district. If selected for funding, the project would further nine of CAMPO's 12 goals listed in the *CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendices*.

In the event this project is selected for TE Program funding, CAMPO staff will propose that the project be amended into the appropriate TIP.

If you have any questions about this letter, or any other CAMPO issues, please let me know. I can be reached at 512-974-2275 or maureen.mccoy@campotexas.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maureen McCoy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maureen McCoy
Director



P.O. DRAWER 15426 • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78761-5426 • (512) 832-7000

Date

Dear ,

This letter is in response to your request for Texas Dept. Of Transportation (TxDOT) approval to submit the ***Insert project name*** project in the 2012 Texas Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program Call for projects. The project is proposed within the state-owned right-of-way on ***give location***.

TxDOT offers no objection to the **Insert Project name** as a TE nomination; however, if selected for funding, the **City/county of XYZ** will be required to commit to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing, and execute an Advance Funding Agreement for a Transportation Enhancement Project. The **City of XYZ** will be responsible for maintaining the completed improvements for a period of at least ten (10) years and executing an Advance Funding Agreement for Voluntary maintenance By a Local Government (On-System) with TxDOT.

Should you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Prestwood, Austin District TE Program Coordinator at (512-832-7284

Sincerely,



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Maureen McCoy
Director

Exhibit 3

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Whereas, the Texas Department of Transportation issued a call for nominations in September 2012 for communities to apply for federal highway funding assistance made available through the Transportation Enhancement Program; and

Whereas, Travis County, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT), and the City of Austin are partnering on a Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) application; and

Whereas, the Travis County Commissioners Court supports the implementation of the Decker Lane Sidewalk Project in Precinct One; and

Whereas, the application for funds from the Transportation Enhancement Program requires a resolution from the Travis County Commissioners Court that provides a commitment to provide a minimum 20% local funding match;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Travis County Commissioners Court, support funding this project as shown in the nomination budget (including the 20% local match) and commits to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing. The nominating entity is willing and able to enter into an agreement with TXDoT by resolution or ordinance should the project receive funding.

Adopted and approved on this the 13th day of November, 2012.

Samuel T. Biscoe
County Judge

Ron Davis
Commissioner, Precinct One

Sarah Eckhardt,
Commissioner, Precinct Two

Karen Huber
Commissioner, Precinct Three

Margaret J. Gomez
Commissioner, Precinct Four