

Email Comments Received

Bayou Greenway 2020 Project

I (we) support the Bayou Greenway 2020 project and support Houston Parks Board's proposal to close existing gaps on Hunting and Halls Bayous. These bayous are part of the Houston Parks Board's signature project, Bayou Greenways 2020. Bayou Greenways 2020 will unite the major bayous that flow through city limits with parks and trails and will close all the remaining gaps in the system by 2020. In particular, these two projects unite existing trail infrastructure and connect parks, schools, and METRO stops in two different watersheds--Hunting Bayou and Halls Bayou. I fully support the Houston Parks Board's application for these funds and urge you to accept the recommendation to fund these trails.

Patton Bushong, Meghan Miller, Sarah Bray, Elizabeth Brooks, Jody Stewart, Don Suttajit, Mike Donohoe, Judy Tran, Brad Holmes, Michelle Wo, Sarah Newberry, Brandon Goodwin, Brad Moore, Henry Chafetz, Lalana Pundisto, Veljko Roskar, Brant Kotch, Jeanine Kasem, Joel Mendez, Bill Records, Christina Shields, Chantal Alexander, Gleeson van Riet, David Ruiz, Ali Gray, Colin Hendricks, Michael Moore, Herman Stude, Mike W. Schwartz, Mike Gold, Markie McBrayer, Molly Tokaz, Kimberly Hester, Brenda Kirk, William J. Pray, Jan Albers, Casey Ballard, Fred Bauhof, Rachel Gamblin, Andrew Miller, Hector Moreno, Lawrence Lambon, Michael Donati, Barton Kelly, Maria Jose Ramirez, David Rose, Rachel Solnick, Nicole Caldwell, Jennifer Brown, Cheryl Sorak, Sarai Vargas, Drew Domalakes, Matthew K. Zeve, Jennifer Hundl, Dick Schmitt, Joseph Carey, Lisa Foronda, Paula Adams, Anna Sumrall, David Fitch, Zachary Unerfusser, Cody Kenner, Carol Laufer, Alan Jackson, Sabika Rehman, Ken Council, Kevin Shanley, Clint Acree, Mary Almendarez, Michael J. Zvolensky, Jerry Scroggins, Charles Ottenweller, Daniel M. Houser, William Moeller, Lisa Roy, Dr. Bernard and Lou Rosenfeld, Stacy Humphries, Rozann Janek, Marie Baldwin, Kim Clemmons, Marc Ybarsabal, Alina Sotelo, Madyson Chavez, Marybeth Flaherty, Marty Cristofaro, Juli Bloch, Jim Robertson, P. Allan Port, Tom Gall, Mike Grimes, Mary Carol Edwards, Kate McAfee Hood, Kamryn Colazzi, Roger Redding

As a Rails-to-Trails Conservancy supporter and a Houston-area trail user, I am writing today in support of the Houston Parks Board's Bayou Greenway 2020 Project. Houston's bayous are an incredible asset to the city and surrounding area. These natural places provide excellent opportunities for residents and visitors to bicycle, walk and exercise on trails and parkland. The Bayou Greenway 2020 Project aims to close existing trail gaps and connect these natural areas. Specifically, the two projects in Hunting and Halls Bayous will unite existing trail infrastructure and connect parks, schools and public transportation stops and provide an excellent opportunity to build healthier communities in the Houston area. I hope that the Council will fund this exciting project.

Joe Mallar, Cam Bevis, Jon Welkey, Amy Hamala, Felicia Little, Rahul Agrawal, Wanda Starghill, Rebecca Sagastegui, Abraham Korah, Colin Nelson, Venere Vitiello, Mohan Shetty, Jessica Abad, Robert Harvey, Hugo G., Colin Jones, Roy Maglin, Richard Wheeler, Jordan Hunter, Rasmus Andreasen, Jerry Atwood, Jeff Bailey, Lisha Doucet, Asmund Stemseth, Bruce Jamison, Carlos Acevedo, Nadia Matejek, Mary Grace Sell, Patrick Jones, Ferando Chao, Sandy Johnson, Sai Sumil Devaiahgari, Liz Nguyen, Diane Erbeznik, LaShaune DeJean, Thomas Cherian, George Nobles, Lijun Meng, John Boyce, Alex Salinas, Clarence Stephens, Melanie Tonini, Dianne Curtis, Natalie Dunn, Andrew Hero, Douglas Johnson, Claudia Rodriguez, Sai Hari Gandham, J.R. Chandler, Shawna Hurley, Cleve Williams, Larry Buchanan, Bobbie Dawson, Paul Bacon, Tom Peacock, Joseph Alsarraf, Gregory Barnett, Jonathan Busch, Bea Berg, Richard Dunn, Kellee Webb, Ron Webb, Eric Goins, Marva Nelson, Shelia Marshall, Benita Nordenstrom, Erin Rosenberg-Andreasen, David Stroud, Bradley Dawson, Nicole Kwan, George Batten, Judith Forbes, Rebecca Barnes, Susana Polanco, Pratip Bhattacharya, Stephany Caraballo, Jamie Hendrixson, Michael Gordon, Carolyn Cleary, Jean Rice, Anteri

Diaz, Mary Newberry, Anna King, John Klein, Patrick Bringardner, Jose Contreras-Vidal, Tony Padon, Debra Anderson, Cita Binckley, Paula Chasse, Thomas Rishforth, Daisy Dai, Cathie Williams, Karen Miles, Meera Rag, David Timms, Benjamin Dzidowski, Robert Jones, Holly Eaton, Karyn Waite, Veronica Lopez, Hilda Campos, Cornelia Kuffner, George Huff, Jodi Abbott, Kristi Frederick, Maureen Wilkins, Elisa Goodwin, Emma Todd, Rhonda Hamilton, Ron Schmale, Andrea Marcinkova, Gregory Orcutt

Please use funding for trail completions in 2020 project as many people have taken up bicycling, and the trail is an added attraction for people to move to our area thank you.

Dean Taylor

As Chairman of the Houston Parks Board, I strongly support the recommendation that TIP funding be provided to close existing trail gaps on both Hunting and Halls Bayous. These bayous are part of the larger vision for this region and included in the Houston Parks Board's signature project, Bayou Greenways 2020. Bayou Greenways 2020 will unite the major bayous that flow through city limits with parks and trails and will close all the remaining gaps in this unique and transformative system by 2020. In particular, these two projects unite existing trail infrastructure and connect parks, schools, and METRO stops in two different watersheds – Hunting Bayou and Halls Bayou. I fully support the Houston Parks Board's application for these funds, and urge you to accept the recommendation to fund these trails. The timing of your support could not be more important for Houston. With our recent successful bond election, we have neighborhoods throughout Houston engaged in this project. These particular segments serve a population that has been generally underserved. Your support at this juncture, in this location will mean a great deal to the region.

Tom Bacon

As a Board Member of the Houston Parks Board Foundation, I strongly support the recommendation that TIP funding be provided to close existing trail gaps on both Hunting and Halls Bayous. These bayous are part of the larger vision for this region and included in the Houston Parks Board's signature project, Bayou Greenways 2020. Bayou Greenways 2020 will unite the major bayous that flow through Houston with parks and trails and will close all the remaining gaps in this unique and transformative system by 2020. In particular, these two projects unite existing trail infrastructure and connect parks, schools, and METRO stops in two different watersheds – Hunting Bayou and Halls Bayou. I fully support the Houston Parks Board's application for these funds, and urge you to accept the recommendation to fund these trails.

Austin P. Young

I am a native Houstonian & board member of the Houston Parks Board, I would like to add my ardent recommendation and support that TIP funding be provided to close existing trail gaps on both Halls & Hunting bayous. Our city has a world class opportunity in front of us at this time; Bayou Greenway 2020. The bayous are a larger vision of a way to enhance every section of Houston. Hal's & Hunting bayous have trail gaps that require immediate attention; however, both are doable and require our recommending funding now. Please support these efforts for both Hal's & Hunting Bayous.

Don Aron

As a board member of the Houston Parks Board, I fully support the application for TIP funding to close important trail gaps on both Hunting and Halls Bayous in Houston. Both of these projects are a part of Bayou Greenways Initiative, that will create parks and trails along our

Bayous. These two segments will serve a population that has been generally underserved and TIP support will mean a great deal to the region.

Mindy Hildebrand

I strongly support providing TIP funding to close existing trail gaps on both Hunting and Halls Bayous. These bayous are part of the larger vision for this region and are included in the City's signature Bayou Greenways project, which was recently supported by 68% of Houston's voters in approving a bond to partially fund these projects. The Bayou Greenways projects will unite the City's major bayous with parks and trails and will close all the remaining gaps in this unique and transformative system by 2020. The projects will be true catalyst infrastructure, creating value for both the City and the County and transforming the quality of life and the image of the entire community. In particular, these two projects unite existing trail infrastructure and connect parks, schools, and METRO stops in two different watersheds—Hunting Bayou and Halls Bayou. I fully support the Houston Parks Board's application for these funds, and urge you to accept the recommendation to fund these trails.

Ann Lents

Letters & Other Correspondence

April 5, 2013



Jack Steele
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RE: Support for Shared Use Path Projects - Halls Bayou Gaps (Jensen to Hirsh and Bretshire to Tidwell/Wayside) and Hunting Bayou Gap (Sayers Rd to Hutcheson Park)

Dear Mr. Steele:

I am writing to express the Greater Houston Partnership's (GHP) support for the recommendation of utilizing Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding to close existing trail gaps on both Hunting and Halls Bayous.

GHP's principal objective is to build regional economic prosperity. GHP understands that economic prosperity requires improving the Houston region's quality of life by building a network of shared use paths along the many bayous in Houston that will be used as important transportation corridors for Houston's cyclists, runners and pedestrians. Additionally, we believe these advancements will improve Houston's tax base through increased property values and will stimulate private development along the bayou corridors.

The Halls Bayou Gap Project fills a gap between 5.6 miles of safe, off-street shared use paths, as well as extends the eastern portion of the proposed trail to a street connection at the intersection of Tidwell and Wayside to provide additional transit options. Total funding requested in the TIP is \$3,182,584. The Hunting Bayou Gap Project fills a gap in the existing off-road shared use path along Hunting Bayou and will connect portions of trails to the west (leading to Mickey Leeland Park) to neighborhoods to the east through Hutcheson Park. Total funding requested in the TIP is \$453,314.

By connecting residential neighborhoods to employment centers, education facilities, public transportation and recreation via off-street bicycle and pedestrian paths, the proposed project makes safe, affordable transportation options available to more Houstonians.

My direct line is 713-844-3624, and my email is lmcclean@houston.org. I would like to know how GHP can be helpful to you.

Sincerely,



Lilyanne McClean
Senior Vice President, Public Policy
Greater Houston Partnership

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Paul Hobby, Vice Chairman, GHP; Founding Partner, Genesis Park LP
Ed Wulfe, Chairman, GHP Quality of Life Committee; President, Wulfe & Co.
Chuck Carlberg, Co-Vice Chairman, GHP Quality of Life Committee; Principal, Richards/Carlberg
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Association Founder

Lynda Mifsud

April 5, 2012

Dear Transportation Policy Council,

The White Oak Bayou Association fully supports the development of shared use paths along all bayous in Houston and we fully support the Bayou Greenways 2020 project and Houston Parks Board's proposal to close existing gaps on Hunting and Halls Bayous. These bayous are part of the Houston Parks Board's signature project, Bayou Greenways 2020. Bayou Greenways 2020 will unite the major bayous that flow through city limits with parks and trails and will close all the remaining gaps in the system by 2020.

In particular, these two projects unite existing trail infrastructure and connect parks, schools, and METRO stops in two different watersheds-- Hunting Bayou and Halls Bayou. Again the White Oak Bayou Association fully supports the Houston Parks Board's application for these funds and urge you to accept the recommendation to fund these trails.

Sincerely,

Tom Gall,

President