Bergstrom Spur Platinum Planning Study
Steering Committee Meeting #1 - October 22, 2019
Agenda

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Introduction
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• Project Team
  » Capital Area MPO
  » City of Austin
  » Capital Metro
Steering Committee Role
Roles and Responsibilities

Roles:
• Actively participate in meetings and throughout the process.
• Provide data for the planning process.
• Assist and participate in public outreach.

Ground Rules:
• Start/end on time
• Be respectful
  ▫ Everyone will have a chance to talk. Please take any phone calls in the hall
• Participate
  ▫ You are here to represent the region and various aspects of the community. We need your participation and ideas!
• Listen
  ▫ We all bring different perspectives, and all voices need to be heard.
• Ask questions
  ▫ We are a team. All questions are valid, and all viewpoints are to be respected.
Project Background
The Corridor

- Historical significance
- Purpose of the Study
Previous Planning Efforts

- Alignment with City and Regional plans
  - Urban Trails Plan
  - Regional Transportation Plan
  - Capital Metro Project Connect
  - Regional Active Transportation Plan

- Urban Trail:
  - “A citywide network of non-motorized, multi-use pathways that are used by bicyclists, walkers and runners for both transportation and recreation purposes.”
Existing Conditions
Transit Accessibility

The Bergstrom–Spur Corridor study area includes stops for Capital Metro’s Bus and Rapid Bus routes, and CARTS (Capital Area Rural Transit Service) Interurban Coach.

Data Source: City of Austin, CARTS
Pedestrian & Bicycle Accessibility

Among the many proposed pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the Bergstrom Spur Corridor study area, the corridor itself is a Tier I (highest priority) urban trail.

Data Source: City of Austin
Major Areas of Consideration

1. Vinson Drive to Congress Avenue: Residential and Commercial Village
2. Congress Avenue to IH-35: Commercial and Industrial Corridor
3. IH-35 to Todd Lane: Commercial and Industrial Corridor
4. Todd Lane to Montopolis Road: Industrial and Underdeveloped lands
5. Montopolis Road: Commercial and Industrial Park East

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Roadway Crossings

At-grade trail/roadway crossings will fit into one of four basic categories:

- Type 1: Marked/Unsignalized
- Type 2: Route Users to Existing Intersection
- Type 3: Signalized/Controlled
- Type 4: Grade-separated crossings
Transit Potential
Vulnerable Populations Considerations
Vision, Goals, & Objectives
Vision

The Bergstrom Spur is a vibrant multiuse corridor that is accessible by and connected to the regional transportation network. The corridor will provide safe, functional, and equitable transportation options for utilitarian and recreational purposes and leverage its unique context to create a distinct destination, both culturally and economically, within the region.
Goal #1

Enhance Public Health

Objective 1.1
» Enable active transportation that contributes to healthy lifestyles.

Objective 1.2
» Prioritize safety and accommodate users from diverse backgrounds, ages, abilities, and locations.
Objective 2.1
» Connect to existing housing, jobs, community services, and the existing transportation network.

Objective 2.2
» Facilitate community mobility as a premier east/west active transportation connection for all ages and abilities within Austin.

Objective 2.3
» Incorporate opportunities for future transit services and transportation expansion.
Objective 3.1
» Recognize the historical significance of the corridor as a means of connecting people and goods.

Objective 3.2
» Integrate context-sensitive design elements that enhance the corridor’s sense of place and emphasize its historical industrial character.

Objective 3.3
» Incorporate design features, programmatic elements, and functional improvements that enhance quality of life for residents, workers, and employers along the corridor.
Goal #4

Objective 4.1
» Make recommendations that avoid adverse impacts to people and the environment.

Objective 4.2
» Proactively protect and enhance air, water, and land quality around the corridor.
Goal #5

Catalyze Economic Development and Upward Mobility

Objective 5.1
» Orient development to benefit and grow local jobs, businesses, and community services.

Objective 5.1
» Prioritize improvements championed by local stakeholders.
Public Involvement

- Steering Committee (3 meetings)
- Stakeholder Discussions
- Public Meetings (2, with 3rd as needed)
- Project Website
- Online Survey
- Other public engagement efforts
## Project Schedule

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The chart above visually represents the project schedule, indicating start and end dates for each task. Key milestones include:

- **10/22**: SC Kickoff Mtg
- **11/20**: NTP

The project timeline extends from **8/20** to **11/29**, with specific dates marked for critical tasks and milestones.
Action Items

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