

Yager Planning Area

North
Parmer Lane

South
Braker Lane

East
Dessau Road

West
IH35

October 20, 2009

Michael Curtis, Coordinator
Bicycle & Pedestrian Program
City of Austin, Public Works Dept.
505 Barton Springs Road, Ste. 900
Austin, Texas 78704

Dear Mr. Curtis,

Please consider these active mobility project requests as outlined below and as supported thus far by accompanying letters of support.

By far, our first priority is for installation of sidewalks & bike lanes along Yager Lane between Tech Ridge & IH35 on the west and Parmer Lane near Dessau on the east, particularly for sidewalks on both sides of Yager along the 1.2 mile stretch of roadway between Silver Springs Apartments to the west and Jordan Lane to the east where none currently exist.

Prior to this request and during the process of seeking support for it, other requests emerged that are compatible and necessary for connectivity within and beyond our boundaries, and that address the larger community and city picture.

Project Requests:

1. Yager Lane sidewalks & bike lanes as described above
2. Yager Lane center (left) turn lanes on both sides of Thompkins Drive
3. Yager Lane width expansion from 2 to 4 lanes to extend east from its current transitional point at the 300 block of Yager Lane coming from Tech Ridge to some point up to or at the east end of the newly developing Yager Subdivision. To be clear, we specifically do not request that the entire length of Yager be expanded, but only this section as it would better serve our growing population and relocate the lane transition to a safer spot with greater visibility. The existing 85' right-of-way would accommodate this request.
4. Pathways underneath roadways along Walnut Creek that would connect existing and prospective trails already mapped on the city-wide Hike & Bike Greenbelt, specifically
 - a. Dessau Road between Braker Lane on the east and Braker Lane on the west where the creek flows from the Copperfield & Northeast Walnut Creek neighborhoods to the Pioneer Crossing neighborhoods, and/or any other feasible location(s), and
 - b. Yager Lane at any one or more of 4 intersections by Walnut Creek tributaries, or any other feasible location(s), with greatest need at Copperfield Park which is located on the south side (eastbound) of Yager at the intersection furthest east.



There is wide-ranging support for these active mobility projects, as you can see among our attached letters of support:

City of Austin Parks & Recreation Dept. (PARD)
City of Austin Capital Metro (CapMetro)
Pflugerville Independent School District
Copperfield Elementary School
Yager Technology Center
Yager Subdivision (Springs at Walnut Creek)
Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Parish
Copperfield Neighborhood Organization

In addition to the written support, there has been a great deal of verbal support from individuals and commercial entities, so more letters of support for any or all these requests may yet be submitted, all of which are expected to fully support the sidewalks project on Yager Lane.

The Yager Planning Area continues to experience a development boom. As citizens of our fine city, we wish to participate in the planning of our neck of the woods. We hope you will find the information here and attached useful, and that you will consider the requests contained herein.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or comments at 836-2600.

Yours truly,

Judith Ruder