

# DALLAS COUNTY TRAIL PARTNERSHIP

**Park and Recreation Board Briefing**  
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## Trail Funding Programs

### Dallas County Has Two Primary Programs:

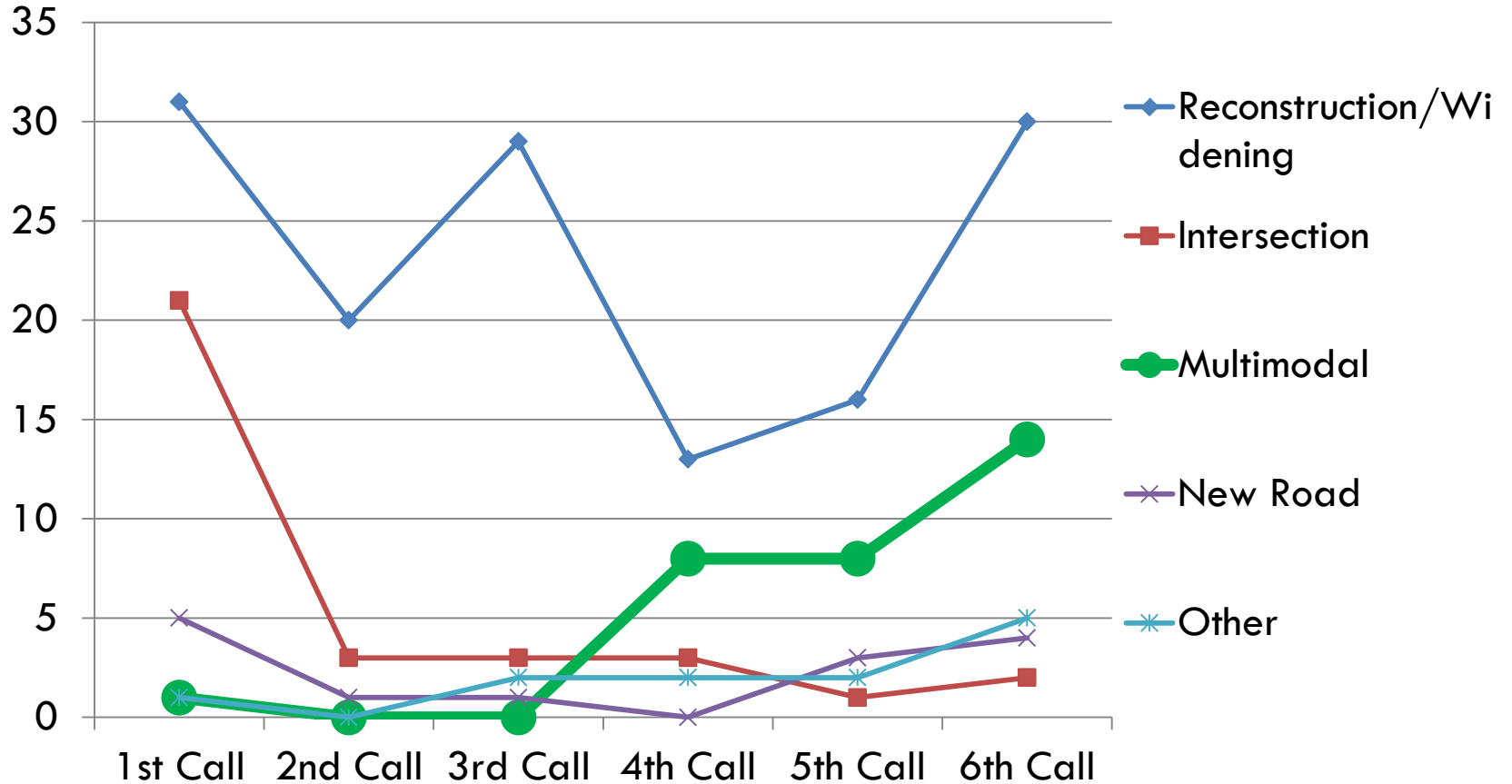
- Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP)  
Administered by County's Public Works Department  
Example: Cottonwood Trail in Dallas
- Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program (TAPP)  
Administered by County's Planning & Development Department  
Example: Katy Trail in Dallas



- **Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program (TAPP)**
  - 11-member Advisory Trail and Preserve Program Board
    - Recommendations to Commissioners Court
    - Proposes policy changes
    - Funding priorities
    - Program goals
    - Increase public's awareness of County's open space/trail system
- **Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP)**
  - Competitive Call for Projects
  - Projects are selected which improve capacity and safety

# MCIP Program History

# of Projects





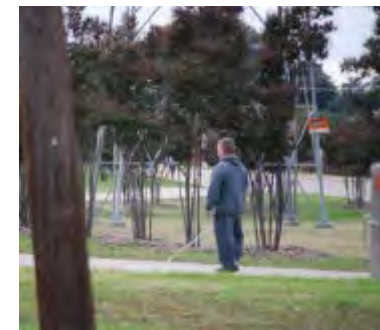
# The Dallas County Trail System

It is Dallas County's goal to create a comprehensive trail system that will enable people to connect with DART, go to work, get to school, shop, go out to eat, have fun, and travel from one end of the County to another without the need of a car.



# The Importance of Trails

- Trails create a recreational amenity that can be used by many different population groups
- Trails provide a form of alternative transportation that often has more users than many bus routes or residential streets



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- Trails enhance local property values
- Trails encourage adjacent development and economic activity
- Trails create attractive amenities where “nothing” previously existed
- Trails create new identities for neighborhoods—“I live by the Katy Trail”



## Planning and Partnering

with cities, neighborhoods, utilities, TxDOT, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and other interested parties . . .

- To identify meaningful projects
- To “connect the dots” so that a truly County-wide trail system can be created
- To successfully resolve engineering, drainage, right-of-way, safety, and funding issues
- To make “good” ideas “even better”
- To get things done





- Important Partner with the City on Hike and Bike Trail Development
  - Funding
  - Advocate
  - Various City Departments
    - PKR
    - PBW
    - TWM

## The Importance of Trails

- They create a recreational amenity that can be used by many different population groups for different purposes such as: For fun, for exercise, for training, for teaching kids how to safely ride a bike, for getting to school or work.
- They provide a form of alternative transportation that often has more users than many bus routes or residential streets.



Let us take you somewhere.

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## The Importance of Trails

- They enhance local property values. Studies have found that homes located within 1000 feet of a trail have values that are about \$9,000 higher than homes that are not so located.
- They encourage adjacent development and economic activity. Look at all the restaurants and residential developments that have opened up along and incorporated the name of the Katy Trail. They create new identities for neighborhoods—"I live by the Katy Trail."
- They create attractive amenities in electrical corridors where "nothing" previously existed.



## Projects which support the Dallas Trail Network Plan

- On-street connections
  - For example: NW Dallas Multimodal/DART Connection (2014 TIGER\* Project: County/City (PBW)/Federal/TxDOT-funded)
    - Sidewalk and pedestrian bridge construction to connect DART stations, Northaven Trail, Moneygram Soccer Park

\*Transportation Investment  
Generating Economic Recovery

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Sidewalk under I-35



Walnut Hill Ln looking east



Walnut Hill Ln facing IH 35E bridge

- Recent Dallas County Participation
  - **Chalk Hill Trail**
    - Under design, 3.7 mi
  - **Honey Springs Trail/Cedar Crest Trail**
    - Under design, 8.1 mi
  - **Cottonwood Trail**
    - Completed, 2.9 mi
  - **Katy Trail**
    - Completed, 3.5 mi
    - Phase VI under construction 1.25 mi



SOPAC Trail design kick-off meeting with Dallas County

- Recent Dallas County Participation
  - Kiestwood Trail
    - completed, 1.5 mi
  - **Lake Highlands Trail**
    - **Under design, 0.75 mi**
  - **Northhaven Trail**
    - **Under design, 8.5 mi**
  - Preston Ridge Trail
    - Completed, 5.25 mi
  - Santa Fe Trail
    - Completed, 4.5 mi
  - **SOPAC Trail**
    - **Under design, 4.5 mi**



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## Northaven Trail

- City Completed 2.25 mi in 2014
- 2013-14 master plan
- 2015 Federal funding for Phase 2A,B
- 2015 Agreement with City for US 75 crossing



### Northaven Trail Funding Overview Based on TAP Funding Award and Revision 18 of MCIP Funding Commitments

**MCIP 4824: Northaven Phases 2B & 2C (County Led) (2.2 & 2.3)**  
Limits: DART Station at Walnut Hill (Denton Cross Drive) to Midway Road  
TxDOT Funding: \$2.62M  
County Funding: \$2.52M + \$4.28M (D4, 6<sup>th</sup> Call) + \$1.38M (D2, Rev 17)  
**TOTAL FUNDING: \$5.04M**

**MCIP 10221: Northaven Trail Phase 1/Low 5 Connection (County Led)**  
Limits: Preston to White Rock Creek Trail/Low 5  
County Funding: \$7.0M + \$2.4M (D1, 5<sup>th</sup> Call) + 2.3M (D1, 6<sup>th</sup> Call) + 2.3M (D2, 6<sup>th</sup> Call)  
City/Others Funding: \$2.8M (Preston to Valleydale) + \$4.4M (Future Bond or Other Source)  
**TOTAL FUNDING: \$14.0M for construction in 2017/2018**



NOTE: District 2 also has \$0.48M currently unmatched Phase 2 funding commitment



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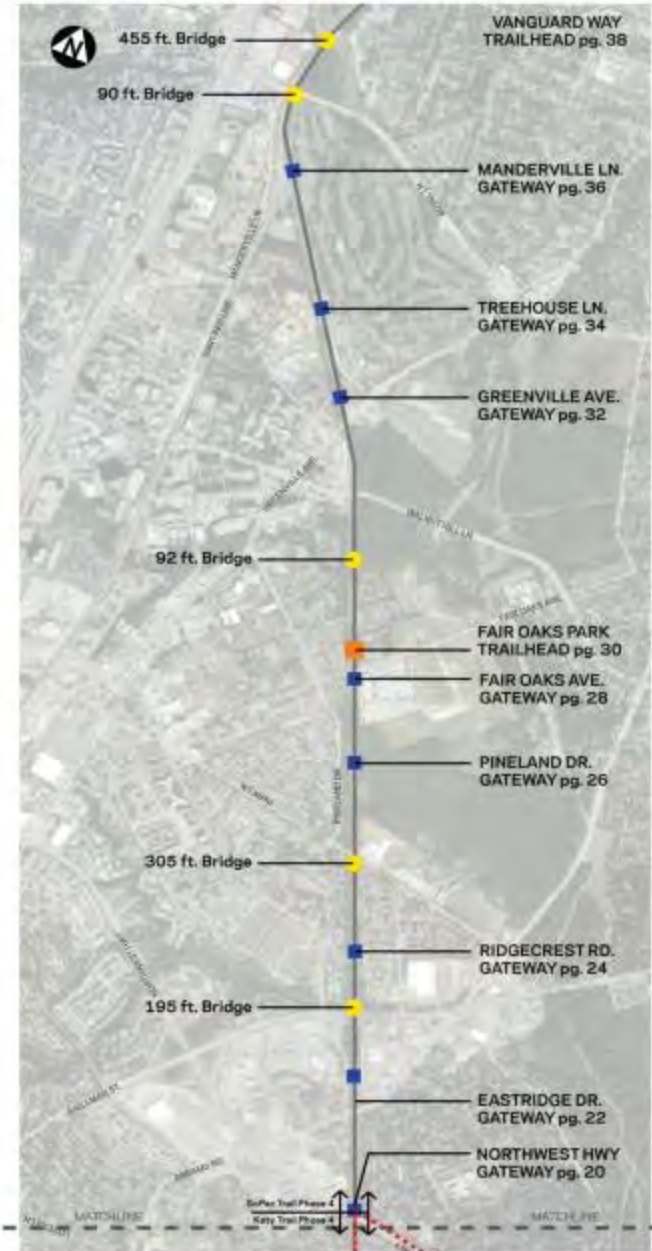
- 2014 Agreement between City/County
- City responsible for environmental and land acquisitions
- Dallas County responsible for design and construction



## SoPac Trail

- 2008 Agreement between City/County; City responsible for environmental and land acquisitions
- Dallas County responsible for design and construction

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SoPac Trail Master Plan



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