

Friends of the Katy Trail Vision Plan



Park and Recreation Board

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A Successful Partnership with the City of Dallas



- Katy Trail - the “Gold Standard” for trails.
- Public green space in a region that is experiencing significant growth (65% in the past 8 years)
- Over \$13 million in private funds raised for capital improvements for trail
- Over \$1 million in private funds raised annually for operations for the City of Dallas



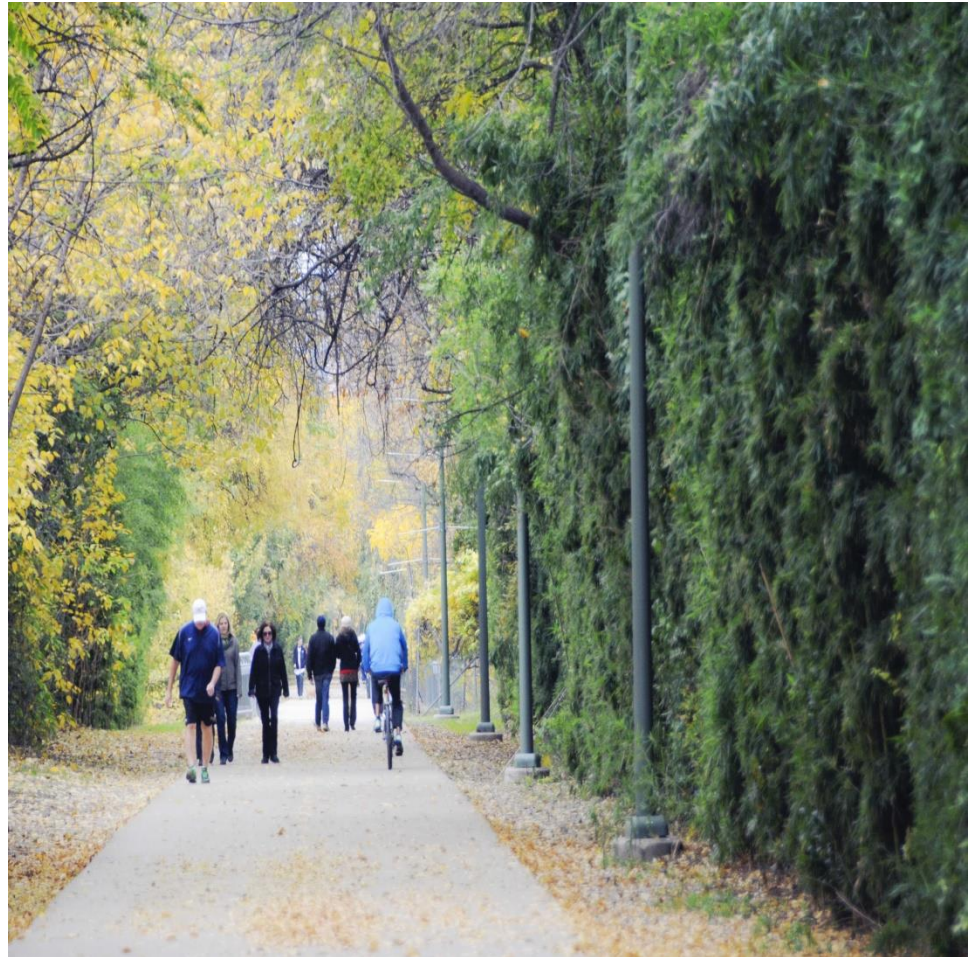
What a Trail “Should Be”: A Connector

- Connects some of the most densely populated areas to many of Dallas’ favorite points of interest
- Environmentally-friendly transportation route
- Economic generator - more than \$1 billion in economic development
- Amenity for a broad cross-section of Dallas



Ensuring the Safety of Trail Users

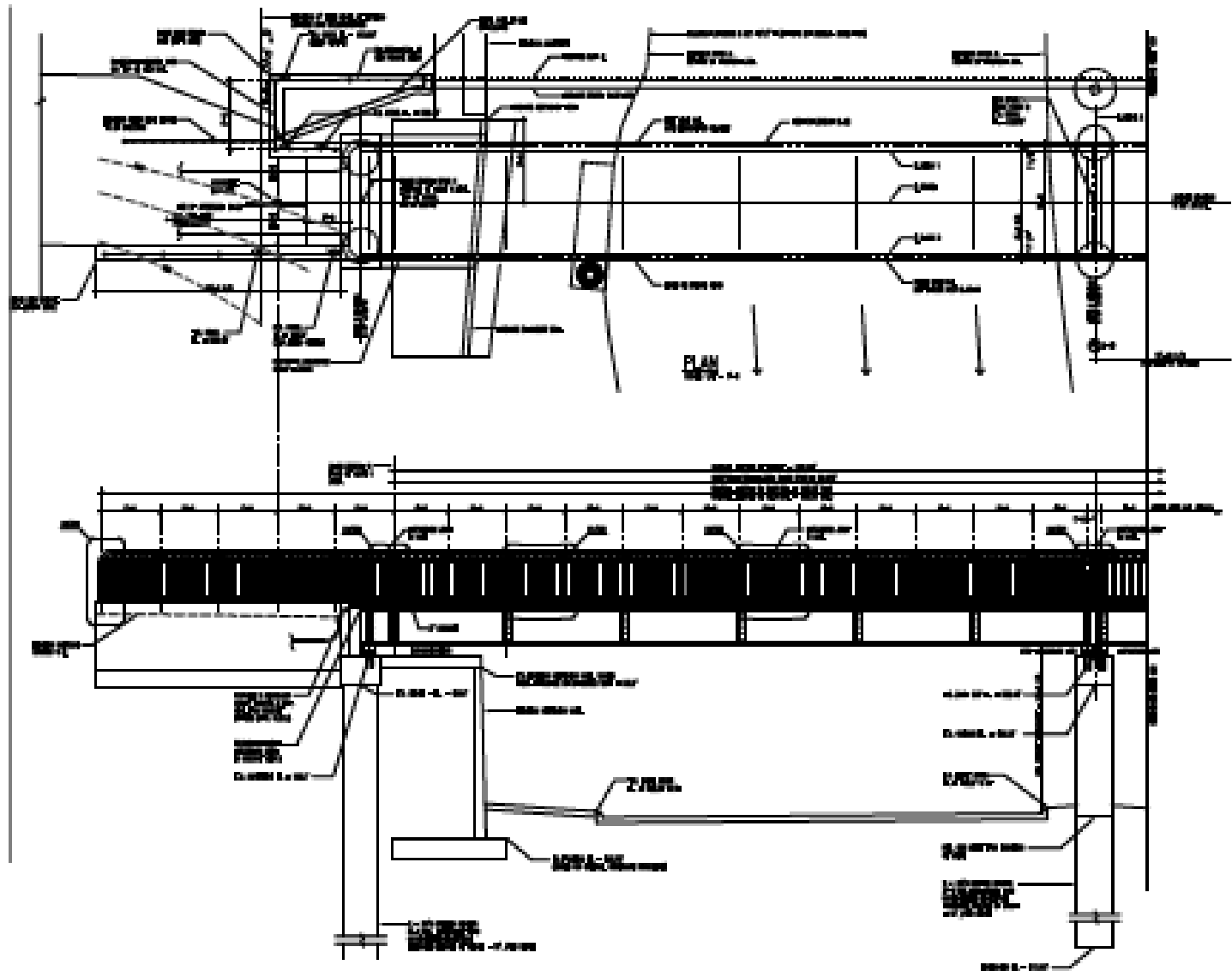
- Over 1 million visits per year has led to congestion at various points along the trail
- Separating pedestrians from faster moving traffic is imperative for a safe experience
- Knox to Blackburn lacks a soft surface path and is one of the most congested segments
- Solution: Add soft surface path



Project Scope

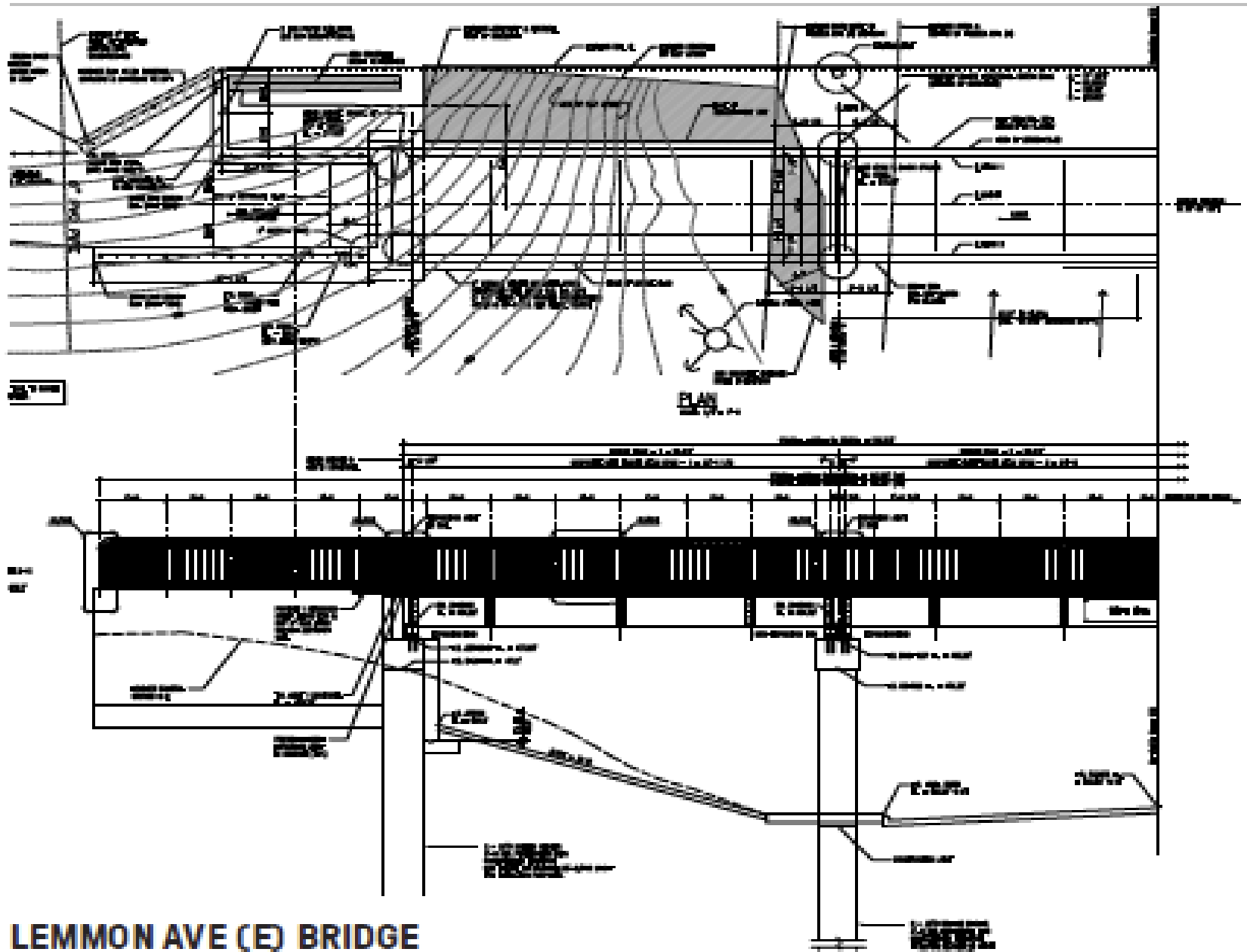
- Construct 1 mile of soft surface trail
- Widen bridges at Lemmon Avenue East and Fitzhugh Avenue to allow for construction of the soft surface trail
- Resurface existing 2.5 miles of soft surface path from Lyte Street to Airline Drive
- Construct an additional entrance at Fitzhugh Avenue
- Total Project Cost: \$8 million





FITZHUGH AVE BRIDGE

ELEVATION
VIEW - 1/4"



LEMMON AVE (E) BRIDGE

Bond Money Allocation Request

Request: \$1 million in bond money for safety initiatives

Progress to date:

This funding will be combined with additional money from private sources to cover the \$8 million in estimated construction costs

- An anonymous challenge grant of \$2.5 million
- Friends of the Katy Trail has committed to investing \$1 million from their reserves
- Major Gifts Committee has been formed and is actively soliciting support
- Board of Directors have personally committed funds for the project

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