

Spring Branch Management District CenterPoint Trail Regional Connector

Attachment #1 - Cover Letter

Attached Materials Support Pre-Application Response #12 - "Project Information"

The contents within this attachment include the funding resolution from the Spring Branch Management District's Board of Directors as well as letters of support for the CenterPoint Trail Regional Connector project.

Also attached are project location maps, photos, and data supporting the narrative for this TIP application.

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- 1. Funding Resolution Spring Branch Management District
- 2. Letters of Support:
 - City of Houston Concurrence Letter
 - Texas State Representative Dwayne Bohac District 138
 - Council Member Stardig
 - · Harris County Precinct 4
 - Houston Parks Board
 - Bike Houston
 - Super Neighborhood Council #85
- 3. Project Location Map
- 4. Long-Term Trail Regional Map
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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR THE HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL TRASPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT SUBMISSION

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SPRING BRANCH MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, A SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, FOR THE SUPPORT AND FUNDING COMMITMENT OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN RESPONSE TO THE HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) has issued a Call for Projects for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to award funds towards all surface transportation areas including transit, roadway and highways, bicycle and pedestrian, preventative maintenance, rehabilitation and transportation operations;

WHEREAS, the Spring Branch Management District (District) has been developing the Centerpoint Hike and Bike Trail System for submittal;

WHEREAS, the District's 2018 Capital Improvement Program identifies the required local match commitment to be able to deliver the projects, so long as discretionary federal dollars are obtained;

WHEREAS, the District has the documented capability to manage, deliver, and administer infrastructure projects as previously demonstrated through successful project delivery; and

WHEREAS, if funded the District agrees to coordinate with the City of Houston and other pertinent partner agencies to ensure the maintenance and operation of all project improvements for their useful life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SPRING BRANCH MANAGEMENT DISTRICT THAT:

- Section 1. The District hereby authorizes the submittal of all required data and information to support a request for the pursuit of discretionary funding.
- Section 2. The District hereby authorizes the commitment of non-federal resources to provide the local match requirement for the project.
- Section 3. The District Board hereby recognizes the District will, if the projects are funded, coordinate with the City of Houston and other affected partner agencies in order to maintain and operate such funded improvements.
 - Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSES AND APPROVED this _____ day of June, 2018.

Chairman Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors





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October 17, 2018

Spring Branch Management District 9610 Long Point Road, #130 Houston, Texas 77055

Re:

2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects - City of Houston

Concurrence

Dear Spring Branch Management District:

The City of Houston Review Committee has reviewed Spring Branch Management District's application for TIP funding to construct the Emnora Hike and Bike Trail along the CenterPoint easement. The Review Committee will notify H-GAC that the conceptual design is consistent with City guidelines and plans.

Please be advised that projects will be subject to City of Houston final design review and approval prior to construction. Any non-standard improvements in city right-of-way will require a maintenance agreement prior to construction. Sponsors awarded federal funding should be prepared to coordinate design and construction through Houston Public Works as a local let contract.

The staff of both departments is prepared to continue working with you during the project development process. Please contact Jennifer Ostlind at (832) 393-6569 or via email at jennifer.ostlind@houstontx.gov or Gary Hill at (832) 395-3082 or via email at gary.hill@houstontx.gov if you have any questions or require additional guidance.

Sincerely,

Margaret Wallace Brown

Acting Director

Planning & Development Department

Carol Ellinger Haddock, P.E.

Director

Houston Public Works

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c: Maureen Crocker, Assistant Director, Houston Public Works Jeff Weatherford, Deputy Director, Houston Public Works



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Letter of Support Placeholder

This is a placeholder for State Representative Dwayne Bohac's Letter of Support Texas House of Representatives - District 138

Letter will either be submitted with the "Planning Factors" and/or submitted with the printed version due November 7, 2018. Letter was en route at the time application was submitted, October 31, 2018



BRENDA STARDIG Houston City Council Member, District A

October 23, 2018

Mr. Alan Clark
Director of Transportation Planning
Houston-Galveston Area Council
P.O. Box 22777
Houston, TX 77227-2777

RE: Letter of Support for the Spring Branch Management District - CenterPoint Trail Regional Connector Project

Dear Mr. Clark:

As Houston City Council Member for District A, I am writing to support the Spring Branch Management District's request for funding through H-GAC's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the CenterPoint Trail Regional Connector Project in my district. This regional trail connector has the potential to provide a continuous ten-mile off-street shared use path connecting the Addicks Reservoir to the White Oak Bayou trail and beyond.

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I look forward to hearing about any progress towards trail implementation in the coming months.

Sincerely.

Brenda Stardig

Houston City Council Member, District A



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Letter of Support Placeholder

This is a placeholder for Harris County Commissioner Precinct 4 Jack Cagle Letter of Support

The attached emails illustrate the acceptance to send in a letter of support, but Commissioner is out of town until next week. The letter will be submitted with the hard copy application November 7, 2018.

From: Stinsman, Elizabeth

Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 11:41 AM

To: Johnston, Dennis < DJohnston@hcp4.net>; Howlett, Mike < MHowlett@hcp4.net>

Cc: Guenther, Cheryl < cguenther@hcp4.net>; McClellan, Kiley < kmcclellan@hcp4.net>; Denny, Mike

<MDenny@hcp4.net>; Holder, Cody <CHolder@hcp4.net>

Subject: RE: Letter of Support

Hi Dennis,

If there is a standard letter of support for projects, could someone send this to me? I know we put one together for another request, but I don't think it was the right thing.

Thank you!

Elizabeth Stinsman

Director, Community Assistance Department Harris County Precinct 4 Office of Commissioner R. Jack Cagle Phone: 281-353-8424





From: Johnston, Dennis

Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 11:33 AM

To: Stinsman, Elizabeth < EStinsman@hcp4.net>; Howlett, Mike < MHowlett@hcp4.net>

Cc: Guenther, Cheryl < cguenther@hcp4.net>; McClellan, Kiley < kmcclellan@hcp4.net>; Denny, Mike

< MDenny@hcp4.net>; Holder, Cody < CHolder@hcp4.net>

Subject: RE: Letter of Support

I see no reason not to support this. We actually met about a year ago (could have been longer) with Commissioner and this district discussing potential corridor connections near the Emnora Trail. Commish was supportive back then. I would assume he would want to send out what has become the standardized letter mentioning the Hamblen Road project as well.

Thanks, Dennis

From: Stinsman, Elizabeth

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 5:41 PM

To: Johnston, Dennis <DJohnston@hcp4.net>; Howlett, Mike <MHowlett@hcp4.net>

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Subject: FW: Letter of Support

Good Afternoon Dennis and Mike.

We received the request for a letter of support from Commissioner regarding the Centerpoint Trail. Can you please review the attached draft letter, and advise if this is something CC should sign, and if there is anything we should change? I know we have received a lot of similar requests regarding other trails, and I want to make sure that they get reviewed before we submit something to Commissioner.

Thank you so much,

Elizabeth Stinsman

Director, Community Assistance Department Harris County Precinct 4 Office of Commissioner R. Jack Cagle Phone: 281-353-8424





From: Holder, Cody

Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Stinsman, Elizabeth < EStinsman@hcp4.net>

Subject: FW: Letter of Support

Good afternoon Elizabeth,

The Spring Branch Management District as asking for a letter of support from Commissioner regarding their Centerpoint Trail. Based on the meetings, I don't see any potential issues with him signing one.

Thank you,

Cody

From: Josh Hawes < <u>jhawes@haweshill.com</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 12:32 PM
To: Holder, Cody < <u>CHolder@hcp4.net</u>>

Subject: Letter of Support

Here is the template for the letter of support, I apologize for the delay.



PARKS BY YOU

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October 31, 2018

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Sincerely,

Chip Place

Managing Director of Capital Programs

Houston Parks Board

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RE: Letter of Support for Spring Branch District – CenterPoint Trail Regional Connector Project

Charles Jones

Dear Mr. Clark:

Shelley Kennedy

Alec Lawton

As Executive Director of BikeHouston and a resident of Spring Branch, I am writing in support of the Spring Branch Management District's request for funding through H-GAC's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the:

Marissa Marquez

Falon Mihalic

CenterPoint Trail Regional Connector Project

Matthew Tulu Whiteside

Steve Hendrickson

Sis Johnson

Bob Wright

Judy Tuttle-Wurth

connecting the Addicks Dam Trails to the Bayou Greenway Initiative trails along White Oak Bayou a continuous ten-mile off-street shared use path connecting the West Houston Trail Network to downtown Houston and inner city neighborhoods.

I ride this corridor as part of my tour of Spring Branch and recognize the regional significance

Not only does the trail have the potential to improve the area's quality of life, it will also link nine area schools with dozens of local neighborhoods, allowing for students and staff of all ages to safely, comfortably, and conveniently walk or bike to and from the school facilities and home.

STAFF

Clark Martinson **Executive Director**

Jessica Wiggins Advocacy Director

Inge Ford **Education Director**

Douglas Waldrep Development Director

Bowen Roberts Volunteer Coordinator I fully support the Spring Branch Management District to pursue funding for this trail and to continue working with the City of Houston, Houston Parks Board, H-GAC, and any other related entity to ensure implementation of this project is a success. I firmly believe this project will provide quality of life benefits as well as improve access, mobility, safety, and health for residents of Spring Branch and the greater Houston region – including me.

Sincerely,

Clark Martinson, Associate AIA, AICP, LCI

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Executive Director

BikeHouston



SPRING BRANCH CENTRAL SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD #85

2108 Peppermill Rd. Houston, TX 77080



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Sincerely,

Catherine Barchfeld-Alexander

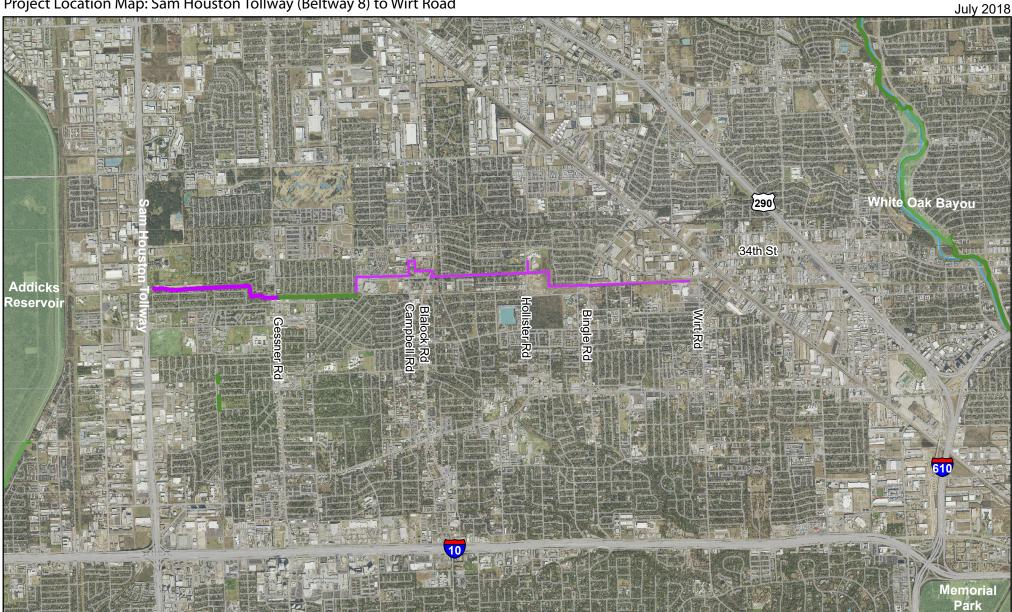
President, Spring Branch Central Super Neighborhood #85

Catherine Backfold-aldiander

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Proposed Spring Branch Management District CenterPoint Trail

Project Location Map: Sam Houston Tollway (Beltway 8) to Wirt Road



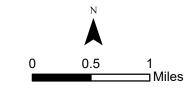


Proposed CenterPoint Trail Alignment **Existing Off-Street Path**

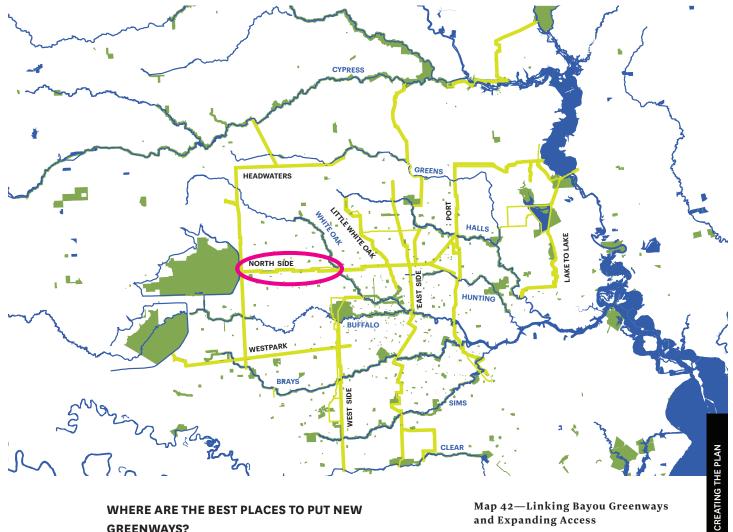
Freeways and Roads

Waterways

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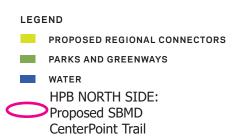




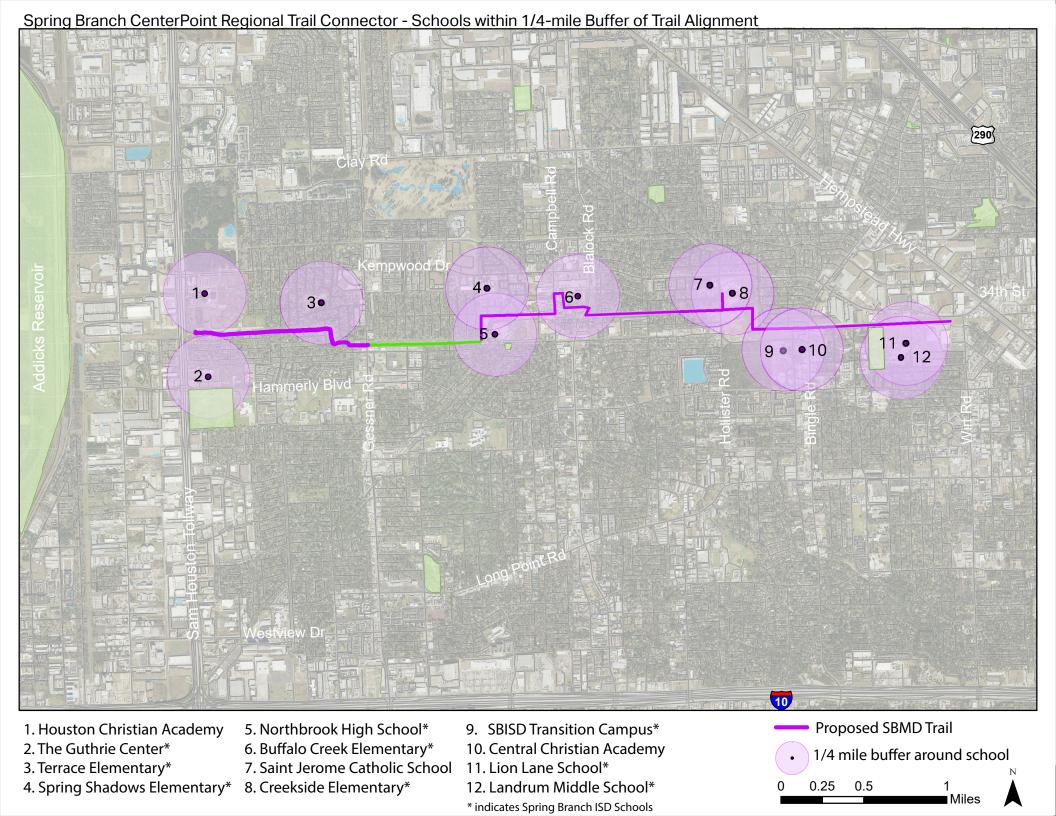
GREENWAYS?

As greenway building efforts move beyond the bayous, the most straightforward way to site future greenways is to identify missing links where neighborhoods and activity centers are not connected to the current greenways. The yellow lines on this map represent "desire lines" of travel through Houston. They don't currently exist, but if they were to be built, the utility of these regional connections, in these approximate locations, would be incontestable.

In locating these desire lines, connectivity and equity in distribution have been the guiding priorities. Looking at the "Port Connector" in isolation from the other yellow lines, one can see that the proposed alignment intersects several Bayou Greenways, providing a transect that crosses Sims, Brays, Buffalo, Hunting, Halls and Greens Bayous all the way up to Lake Houston. Many of the neighborhoods it crosses through are distressed, with high incidence of low income and poor health within the population. So, this link has the potential to address issues of equity along with issues of connectivity.



BEYOND THE BAYOUS 99



Spring Branch CenterPoint Regional Trail Connector - Schools within 1/5 mile Buffer of Trail Alignment 290 17 • Kempwood Dr 18 • 15 16 19 13 •

- 13. Westwood Elementary*
- 14. Spring Oaks Middle School*
- 15. The Tiger Trail School*
- 16. Spring Woods High School*
- 17. Hollibrook Elementary*
- 18. Cedar Brook Elementary*
- 19. Ridgecrest Elementary*

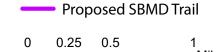
*Indicates Spring Branch ISD Schools



School within 1/2-mile buffer



School within 1/4 & 1/2-mile







Spring Branch Management District CenterPoint Trail Regional Connector

Existing Conditions - Existing Trail Features



Existing Emnora Trail



Existing Emnora Trailhead



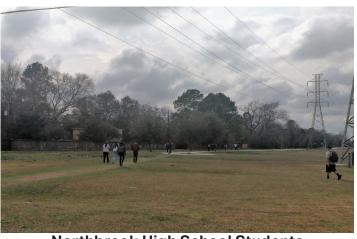
Northbrook High School Students Walking to Trail



Existing Neighborhood Trail Connection



Northbrook High School Students Walking to Trail



Northbrook High School Students Walking to Trail



Spring Branch Management District CenterPoint Trail Regional Connector

Existing Conditions - Proposed Trail Opportunities



Proposed Western Terminus (at BW8)



Easement Utilized by Neighborhood



CenterPoint Easement - Potential Trail Location



Proposed Western Terminus (near Wirt)

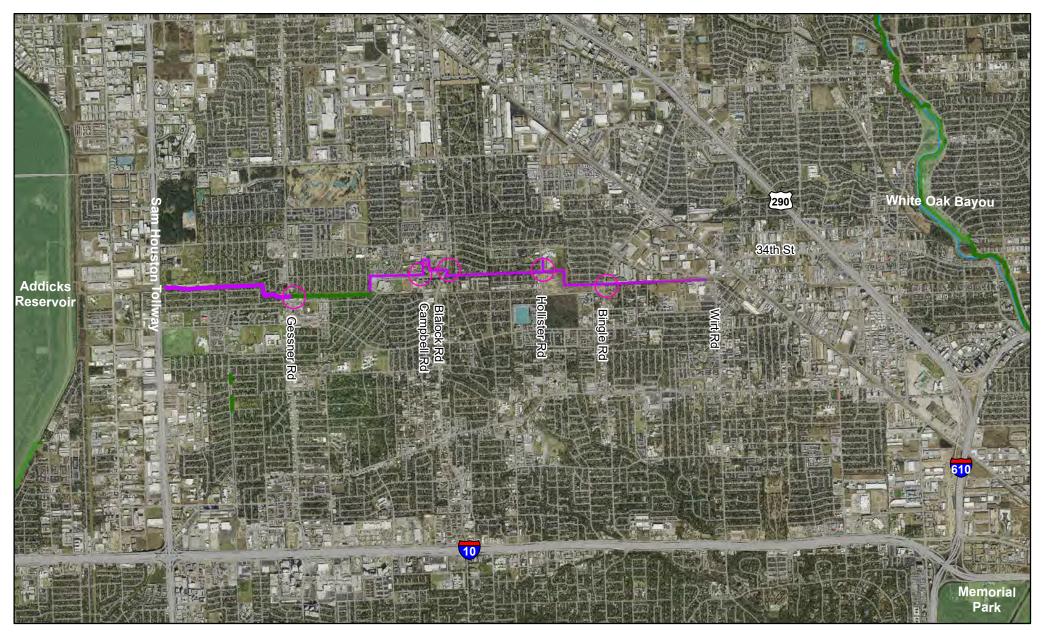


Long-Term Connection to Addicks Reservoir Existing Trail



View from Addicks Reservoir towards Energy Corridor

Proposed Spring Branch Management District CenterPoint Trail



LEGEND

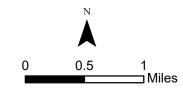
Proposed CenterPoint Trail Alignment
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City of Houston ROW Coordination

Freeways and Roads

Waterways





NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAY POTENTIAL LOCATIONS EXAMPLES



Spring Branch CenterPoint Trail 2016 ACS Census Data

2016 ACS DATA	Trail Project Area	Trail Project Area %'s	SBMD	SBMD %'s	Harris County	Harris County %'s
Population	23,366	23,366	110,906	110,906	4,434,257	4,434,257
Households	7,648	7,648	36,209	36,209	1,536,259	1,536,259
Working Population	11,175	11,175	54,363	54,363	2,092,412	2,092,412
Pop 25+ (EDU)	14,870	14,870	69,762	69,762	2,792,590	2,792,590
Minory Population	16,744	71.7%	82,304	74.2%	3,051,406	68.8%
Low Income HH	2,872	37.6%	13,973	38.6%	489,045	31.8%
Senior Population	2,946	12.6%	10,420	9.4%	407,952	9.2%
Disabled Population	2,302	9.9%	10,468	9.4%	410,741	9.3%
LEA Population	4,015	27.0%	21,182	30.4%	554,024	19.8%
LEP HH	1,499	19.6%	7,813	21.6%	181,173	11.8%
Zero Auto HH	522	6.8%	2,366	6.5%	98,353	6.4%
Transit Mode Share	322	2.9%	1,732	3.2%	58,349	2.8%
Walking Mode Share	179	1.6%	1,434	2.6%	31,600	1.5%
Biking Mode Share	124	1.1%	363	0.7%	7,459	0.4%

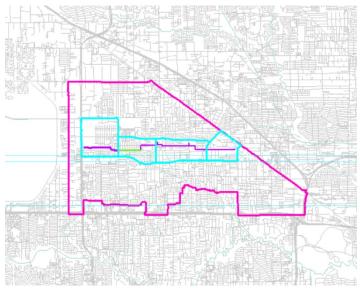
^{*}Project Area Census Tracts: 5206.01, 5213, 5219, 5221

^{**}SBMD Census Tracts: 5201-5204, 5206-5207, 5211-5216, 5218-5224.02

^{***}Low income is based on a family of 4 at \$35,570

Spring Branch CenterPoint Trail Census Tracts for Analysis

Map 1: "Project Area" includes four Census Tracts that encompass the trail alignment. The pink outline is the Spring Branch Management District boundaries and the blue lines indicate the Census Tract boundaries surrounding the trail. Those tracts are: 5206.01, 5213, 5219, 5221



Map 2: "SBMD" Census Tracts are in blue and include tracts: 5201- 5204; 5206-5207, 5211- 5216, 5218-5224.02

