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The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

April 13, 2021

RE: MoKan Trail Project (Austin, Texas)

Dear Congressman Doggett:

By a unanimous vote of its [board of directors](#), [Austin Outside](#) supports the community project funding grant for the one-mile portion of the MoKan trail from Springdale Road to E 5th Street in Austin.

The Springdale to E. 5th St segment of the MoKan Trail is in the City of Austin's Urban Trails Plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and the CAMPO 2045 Plan.

This project will provide a vital connection from downtown Austin to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, connecting to the existing EastLink Trail, the Crosstown Bikeway, the Red Line Trail, the 183A trail and the Montopolis Steel Truss Bridge, and the imminent Wishbone Bridge river crossing at Pleasant Valley Road. By linking these existing trails together, Austinites in surrounding neighborhoods, including those whose budgets may be challenged by the necessity for car trips, will have more options for transportation to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

Austin Outside is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 2019 representing hundreds of Austinites who support active transportation as part of its core mission to champion outdoor spaces for all throughout greater Austin. We support this project and look forward to seeing Austin continue to grow as a leader for bicycling in Texas.

On behalf of [Austin Outside's coalition of member organizations](#) and supporters, we thank you for the efforts you and your staff are making to secure federal funding for this important project.

Sincerely,



Joanna Wolaver, Board President
Austin Outside