

# TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM 2015 NOMINATION FORM

Additional information can be found in TxDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Guide 2015  
[www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/local-assistance.html](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/local-assistance.html)

## 1. Project Sponsor Name

City of Boerne

## 2. Project Sponsor (Type of Organization/Agency/Authority)

Local Government

## 3. Project Sponsor Contact Information (Authorized Representative)

Contact Person: Jeff Thompson  
Title: Deputy City Manager  
Mailing Address: 402 E. Blanco Rd.  
City: Boerne State: Texas  
Zip Code: 78006  
Daytime Telephone: 830-249-9511  
Email: jthompson@ci.boerne.tx.us

## 4. Project Name

Trail System Expansion - Connecting People to Places

## 5. Eligible Project Activity

(1) Construction of on- and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, & other non-motorized forms of transportation

## 6. Project Location Information

County: Kendall

TxDOT District: San Antonio

If multiple locations, include primary location in text box below and provide a separate list of proposed project locations and limits. (Label attachment as 'Project Location Information - Attachment A')

City Park to Cibolo Creek

Project Limits (lat/long) From: 29.787, -98.713 To: 29.775, -98.690

Project Length (feet/miles), if applicable: Total Project Length is 2 miles

State of Texas/Legislature

House of Representatives

District #: 73

Name: Doug Miller

District #:

Name:

District #:

Name:

State Senate

District #: 25

Name: Donna Campbell

District #:

Name:

District #:

Name:

Federal Congressional

House of Representatives

District #: 21

Name: Lamar Smith

District #:

Name:

District #:

Name:

## 7. Project Description

Provide a well-developed narrative of the project, describe the eligible activity as defined in TxDOT's TAP Program Rules and 2015 TAP Program Guide and illustrate the benefits the project will provide to the surface transportation system. Summarize the work activities to be performed.

*(Limited to 3500 Characters with spaces)*

The Trail System Expansion - Connecting People to Places project is an integral part of the Boerne Trail System Master Plan and will provide key linkages between existing trails and sidewalks as well as the recently completed 2.25 mile Cibolo and Currey Creek Trails and the 2.5 miles of sidewalks installed with City bonds and Safe Routes to Schools funding. These proposed trail expansion segments will strategically link most of the remaining major population densities south and east of Boerne with destinations such as parks, businesses, schools and governmental buildings. The project consists of two areas of trail expansion; Boerne Trails South and Boerne Trails North. Overall, the trail improvements for the two segments will include a ten foot wide concrete trail, trail heads, bridges, elevated walkways, trail maps and interpretive signage, interpretive overlook, mileage markers, boulder seating, trash receptacles, landscape, and irrigation. These trail improvements will merge well with the City's expanding trail network. Recent public mobility and facility projects currently under construction include a 250-300 person amphitheater and public restroom located on the Boerne City Campus that was planned to accommodate a connection with the Boerne Trails North Trail extension. The entire 1.1 miles of existing Old No. 9 Trail is being resurfaced and expanded to a 10 foot wide concrete trail at a cost of \$460,000. Roadway and pedestrian mobility improvements are underway at the intersection of S.H. 46 and Esser Rd./Herff Rd. that will make for an expanded and safer trail connection between the Old No. 9 Trail, Cibolo Trail, S.H. 46 sidewalks and future additional sidewalks to existing and proposed subdivisions along S.H. 46.

Boerne Trails South - This longest trail segment will provide users with a much safer means of alternative passage from the south end of town to the north end along the Old No. 9 Trail. The 1.8 mile extension of the Old No. 9 will provide direct connections to City Park, Kendall County Fairgrounds, Agricultural Heritage Museum, Cibolo Nature Center, Boerne Champion High School, Trails of Herff Ranch Subdivision (575 homes), Ranches of Creekside (870 future homes) and adjacency to perpetual views into the 600 acre Cibolo Preserve and the geologically unique Herff Falls of Cibolo Creek. Through existing sidewalks and intersections there would also be indirect connection to three developing subdivisions; The Woods of Boerne (172 home sites), Champion Heights (260 home sites) and Esperanza (2,400 home sites).

Boerne Trails North - For this .2 mile segment there will be direct connections from the existing Old No. 9 Trail to the Boerne City Campus (15.5 acres) that includes the Patrick Heath Public Library and Friends of Boerne Public Library Bookstore. The campus will be the home of Boerne's future city hall and other municipal services. Both Fabra Elementary and Boerne Middle School North are within several hundred feet of the campus and are accessible by sidewalks along Johns Rd. There is also easy sidewalk access along US 87 to the existing City Hall and the Kendall County Courthouse. Currently there is no access from the Old No. 9 to the Boerne City Campus. Future trail expansion includes a trail from the Old No. 9 to Currington Elementary.

## 8. Project Details (A location map showing project limits is a minimum requirement)

Provide project plans, location map(s), images, diagrams, & photographs to describe the proposed project in more detail (Label attachment as 'Project Details - Attachment B')  
(No more than 10 pieces)

## 9. Official Project Sponsor Funding Resolution

(Label attachment as 'Certification of Funding and Support - Attachment C')  
(No more than 10 pieces)

## 10. MPO/COG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Letter (if applicable)

(Label attachment as 'MPO/COG Letter - Attachment D')  
(No more than 10 pieces)

## 11. Evidence of Public Involvement and Support

- a. Provide a summary of the public's involvement and support in the text box below. Include dates and information about public meetings and events held to discuss this project.
- b. Attach letters and other documentary evidence of the Public's involvement and support. (Label attachments as 'Evidence of Public Involvement and Support - Attachment E') (No more than 10 pieces)  
( Limited to 1,640 Characters with spaces )

December 2011 Surveys sent to all 6000 utility customers (138 completed and returned)  
January 19, 2012 Held a key stakeholders meeting (17 people attended)  
February 24, 2012 Public meeting at Kronkosky Place (15 people attended)  
February 27-28, 2012 BISD Government class focus group meeting (75 students participated)  
June 12, 2012 Workshop held before City Council meeting with public input (3 people spoke)  
Resolution 2015-R42 of the Boerne City Council dated April 28, 2015

The City became aware of the 2015 TAP grant program in late April 2015, as a result of the short time, included are letters of support from the City's previous 2012 STEP application. If desired, the City can provide updated support letters prior to final award of project. Should the City receive TAP funding, the City will commit to the projects development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing including the construction budget, the department's 15% administrative cost, and the required local match.

Letters of Support: Boerne ISD, Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce, Kendall County Economic Development Corporation, KB Homes, Texas Heritage Bank, Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative, Cibolo Nature Center.  
Government Officials: State Representative: Doug Miller

## 12. Project Priority Ranking by Project Sponsor (Examples: 1 of 1, 2 of 4, 1 of 3)

1

of

1

## 13. Property Ownership and Acquisition Information

All proposals must provide documentation of the project sponsor's property rights by title of ownership, lease, or easement for all property within the project limits. Answer the following questions:

### a. Is the property needed for the project already acquired?

If No - How will property be acquired? Describe in the text box below. Include a commitment letter by current owner stating that the property's interest will be transferred to the project sponsor.)

If Yes - When was the property acquired and how? Describe in the text box below.

### b. Was the property acquired in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act?

(Label attachments as 'Property Ownership and Acquisition Information - Attachment F')  
(No more than 10 pieces)

Two trail easements will be necessary to accommodate a trail connection to the Herff Ranch and adjacent Ranches at Creekside Subdivisions. Staff has met with the Homeowner's Association of Herff Ranch and their intention, should this project be awarded, to convey at no cost to the City, a trail easement to allow for the surveying, construction, installation and maintenance of a trail linkage to the subdivision. See Attachment F.

## 14. SHPO Certificate of Eligibility - National Register of Historic Places (if applicable)

No



Projects proposing work on historic properties must include the required documentation from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) of the Texas Historical Commission.

(Label attachment as 'SHPO Certificate of Eligibility - Attachment G')

**15. Scenic Easement/Historic Site Designation** (if applicable)  ▼

Projects proposing acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites must provide documentary evidence from the appropriate city, county, state or national entity indicating official designation. (Label attachment as 'Scenic Easement/Historic Site Designation - Attachment H')

**16. Evaluation of Work Involving Environmental Mitigation** (if applicable)  ▼

Projects proposing environmental mitigation must provide documentary evidence from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicating their technical evaluation of the project.

(Label attachment as 'Evaluation of Work Involving Environmental Mitigation - Attachment I')

**17. Railroad Right of Entry Letter/Agreement** (if applicable)  ▼

Projects proposing to encroach or cross railroad right of way must include documentary evidence from the railroad granting a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement.

(Label attachment as 'Railroad Right of Entry Letter/Agreement - Attachment J')

**18. Local Bicycle Plan** (if applicable)  ▼

Projects proposing to build facilities for bicycles must include documentary evidence stating that the project has been included in the entity's bicycle plan or comprehensive plan, if applicable, or provide evidence of support for the project from the local jurisdiction if the project limits include property not owned by the project sponsor. (Label attachment as 'Local Bicycle Plan - Attachment K')

**19. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan** (If applicable)  ▼

Construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school must include documentary evidence of coordination with schools.

(Label attachment as 'SRTS Plan - Attachment L')

**20. Projected Time Estimate**

Estimate the amount of time it will take to complete the project from start to finish. Approximate the time required for each activity. The activities can run concurrently causing the total time to be less than the total number of months designated for project activities. Consider time as outlined:

Months

**Planning Activities**  
(Executing AFA with TxDOT, hiring consultant, planning, schematic and design, utility relocation, etc.)

**Environmental Clearance**  
(Assessments, possible mitigation for hazardous materials, permits, review by THC, COE, etc.)

**ROW Acquisition**  
(Surveying, appraisals, title transfer, clearance, etc.)

**Project Design and Plan Preparation of PS&E Package**  
(Including PS&E Review by TxDOT District, Austin Divisions, TDLR, and other agencies as needed.)

**Project Construction/Implementation**  
(Advertising/hiring of construction contractor, possible demolition, construction, inspection, etc.)

**Other**

**Projected Time in Months**

**21. Maintenance and Operations**

Estimate maintenance and operations costs of the project. If applicable, determine the amount of any anticipated annual income that may be derived from the project.

Additional documentation may be included (Label attachment as 'Maintenance Plan - Attachment M')

Maintenance \$  Operations \$  Income \$

Identify all parties that will be responsible for project maintenance and operations after construction:

The City of Boerne Parks & Recreation Department will be responsible for maintenance and operation of trail facilities. No income will be derived from these facilities. The maintenance and operations figures are an estimated annual expense.

## 22. Itemized Budget Section

Provide a detailed cost estimate of all constructions costs in the format provided below.

### Itemized Construction Cost Estimate:

[illegible]

## 24. Project Budget Summary

Itemized Construction Cost totals on pages 6 & 7 will automatically populate lines 1 & 2 below.

Itemized Construction Cost Estimate (pages 5-6):	1 .	\$2,570,941
Other Construction-Related Costs (page 7):	2 .	\$0
Total Construction Costs (Line 1 + Line 2):	3 .	\$2,570,941
TxDOT Administrative Expenses (15% of Line 3):	4 .	\$385,641
<b>Total Project Cost (Line 3 + Line 4):</b>	<b>5 .</b>	<b>\$2,956,582</b>
<b>Federal Funds Requested (80% max.):</b>	<b>6 .</b>	<b>\$2,365,266</b>
<b>Local Match (20% min.):</b>	<b>7 .</b>	<b>\$591,316</b>

Project Sponsors may increase the local match by adjusting the percentage amount above. The minimum amount of local match required is 20%, subject to any allowable adjustment for economically disadvantaged counties, as outlined below.

**NOTE: Reductions for economically disadvantaged counties and In-kind contributions below may only be applied to 20% of construction and construction-related costs.**

Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program (EDCP) - Based on Total Construction Cost (line 3)	
EDCP Adjustment	= \$0
Additional EDCP	= \$0
Total EDCP Adjustment	= \$0

Adjusted Cash Match Required (Line 7 - Total EDC Adjustment): 8 . \$591,316

Approved In-kind contributions may reduce the amount of cash needed to meet the local match requirement. If applicable, itemized In-kind costs identified on page 8 will automatically populate boxes below. **Eligibility of in-kind costs will be verified as part of project evaluation.**

Property Acquisition Costs	\$0
Preliminary Engineering Costs	\$0
Material Costs	\$0
Total In-Kind Contribution:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
State Participation for EDCP Adjustment (Eligibility Review)	9 . \$0
Total Federal Funds Requested (Line 24 + Line 27 on Page 10)	10 . \$2,365,266
Total Local Cash Match Required (Line 30 + Line 31 on Page 10)	11 . \$591,316

## 25. Have you completed the checklist in TxDOT's 2015 Program Guide?

## 26. Project Commitment

By submitting an application, the project sponsor commits that if this project is selected for funding, the project will be brought to a successful bid award within three years from selection by the Texas Transportation Commission.

The construction plans for this project are currently: ☐ Complete ☒ Not Started % Complete

Signature	
Print Name	
Date	Telephone Number

This nomination form must be signed by a representative of the local entity that has signature authority.

**TAP Project Submittal Deadline for All Documentation is**  
**Monday, May 4, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. CDT**  
**(See page 3 of TxDOT's 2015 Program Guide for delivery instructions)**



## Breakdown of Local Match for Projects with EDCP Reduction and/or In-Kind Contributions (Based on Costs Identified on Page 9)

**All project costs identified for Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program (EDCP) reduction and/or identified as In-kind contribution(s) must be reviewed for eligibility by TxDOT and/or FHWA.**

### Construction Cost Available for In-kind Consideration

Total Project Cost (Line 5 on page 9)	12.	<b>\$2,956,582</b>
TxDOT Administrative Cost (15% of line 4 on Page 9)	13.	<b>\$385,641</b>
Federal Construction Amount With EDCP Reduction (EDCP % identified on Page 9)	14.	<b>\$0</b>
Eligible Construction Amount for In-kind Consideration (Line 12 - Line 13 - Line 14)	15.	<b>\$2,570,941</b>

Approved In-kind contributions may reduce the amount of cash needed to meet the local match requirement. If applicable, itemized In-kind costs identified on page 8 will automatically populate In-kind boxes on page 9 and the "Total In-kind" amount identified on page 9 will be shown on Lines 17 and 21 below.

**Eligibility of In-kind costs will be verified as part of project evaluation.**

### Project Value Eligible for In-kind Match Contribution (EDCP match portion not included)

Eligible Construction Amount for In-kind consideration (Line 15)	16.	<b>\$2,570,941</b>
Eligible In-kind Contribution (In-kind Total from page 9 or a maximum 25% of line 15, whichever is less)	17.	<b>\$0</b>
Total Value for Federal Consideration (line 16 + line 17)	18.	<b>\$2,570,941</b>

### Eligible Federal Match

Federal Construction Match (80% maximum of line 14 + Line 18)	19.	<b>\$2,056,753</b>
---	-----	--------------------

### Local Match Required

Local Match for Construction (20% minimum of line 18)	20.	<b>\$514,188</b>
Eligible In-kind Contribution (Total In-kind Contribution on page 9 or a maximum 25% of line 15 whichever is less)	21.	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Local Cash Match Required (Line 20 - Line 21)</b>	22.	<b>\$514,188</b>

**Cost Participation for EDCP and In-kind Contribution(s) Must be Approved by TxDOT and/or FHWA**

### Construction Cost Participation

State Participation for Eligible EDCP Match (Total EDCP Adjustment on Page 9)	23.	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Participation (Line 19)	24.	<b>\$2,056,753</b>
Local Cash Match for Construction (Line 22)	25.	<b>\$514,188</b>
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</b>	26.	<b>\$2,570,941</b>

### TxDOT Administrative Cost Participation

Federal Participation for TxDOT Admin. Cost (80% max. of Line 4 on Page 9)	27.	<b>\$308,513</b>
Local Cash Match for TxDOT Admin. Cost (20% min. of Line 4 on Page 9)	28.	<b>\$77,128</b>
<b>TOTAL TxDOT ADMINISTRATIVE COST</b>	29.	<b>\$385,641</b>

### Local Cash Match Required

Local Cash Match for Construction (Line 22)	30.	<b>\$514,188</b>
Local Cash Match for TxDOT Administrative Costs (20% min. of Line 4 on page 9)	31.	<b>\$77,128</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL CASH MATCH</b>	32.	<b>\$591,316</b>