



# City of Austin

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The Honorable Lloyd Doggett  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515  
Via email: Doug.Molof@mail.house.gov

Dear Representative Doggett:

On behalf of City of Austin residents whose lives will benefit from your work on the member-designated infrastructure projects, we are writing to thank you for your work to include the Austin Bergstrom Urban Trail (*Project #1267*) and Ross Road (*Project #1287*) projects in H.R. 384 – the INVEST in America Act. We appreciate your leadership and representation of Austin’s needs through including financial assistance for these important infrastructure projects in the INVEST Act.

As you know, the requested funds for the Austin Bergstrom Urban Spur project will assist in the construction of a 6-mile concrete hike and bike trail along an abandoned rail corridor in South Austin, connecting Vinson Drive in the South Manchaca neighborhood to US-183 and Austin Bergstrom International Airport as well as destinations along the way, including safe, non-vehicular access to Saint Elmo School, Saint Elmo School Park, and McKinney Falls State Park, in addition to dozens of shops and services. The project will provide a safe East-West connection, including the only crossing of I-35 and US-183 dedicated to bicyclists and pedestrians, in a predominantly low- and moderate-income area where few “all ages and ability” infrastructure options exist. Should the funding be maintained in the INVEST Act, your support will have created Austin’s first rails to trails project.

Further, the inclusion of Ross Road will certainly benefit the Del Valle Elementary, Middle, and High Schools and Del Valle residents by including a variety of improvements such as widening the substandard street to two lanes in each direction, left-turn pockets at key intersections, construction of sidewalks and shared-use paths, and addition of new signals and continuous roadway lighting. The assistance provided by the INVEST Act will be essential to maintaining mobility and safety in this growing area of your district.

We thank you again for your leadership and representation of Austin for your support of these vital projects for our community. These projects are important not only to our local community’s transportation needs, but also in achieving the City’s overall mobility and infrastructure goals. Your leadership on this issue is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Austin

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