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Re: Austin Town Lake Park 48-000060.3
Conversion of Public Parkland

Dear Mr. Soliz:

Our office has been informed of the plans to create a light rail corridor impacting Town Lake Park, which received federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) assistance through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Local Park Grants Program in 1969 (project number 48-000060). It is apparent that all alternatives to the project have been considered and, in accordance with Section 6(f) of the LWCF Act, TPWD accepts the City of Austin's (COA) conversion request.

TPWD agrees to release the 6(f) requirements and unencumber the necessary area of the park to facilitate the construction of the planned light rail infrastructure. To maintain compliance with the Local Park Grants program, COA should complete the Conversion process within one calendar year of this letter. This process requires the identification and dedication of suitable replacement parkland that is of at least equal fair market value and recreational usefulness to the unencumbered property. Our team is available to assist with the necessary steps in this process.

TPWD values our partnership with the COA and looks forward to collaborating on the successful completion of this Conversion. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 512-389-4656 or dan.reece@tpwd.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Dan Reece
Local Park Grant Program Manager
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