

BMA PROJECT PROFILE

The Connection (Trinity Strand Trail to Katy Trail)

From the earliest days of the Katy Trail development, BMA has been engaged in exploring options to expand one of Dallas' most popular trail resources westward beneath Stemmons Freeway. BMA led the master planning for the Trinity Strand Trail through the Dallas Design District and the Old Trinity Industrial District, with connections through Market Center and the Medical District east of Stemmons. BMA first assisted with development of the Friends group – including raising initial funds and coordinating with local landowners to develop a successful grant application for additional funding. Once the master plan was adopted by the City, BMA continued by assisting HNTB with development of plans and specifications for the Trinity Strand Trail, and assisted the City with obtaining additional major funding for construction.



As it became clear that the Trinity Strand Trail is the city's premier link to the Trinity River Mainstem, and that its impact on redevelopment patterns had potential to rival those along the Katy Trail north of the Victory District, both Friends groups (Katy and Trinity Strand) asked BMA to further evaluate a potential connection through this tightly-woven network of roadway, railroad, transit, waterway and utility infrastructure in this area of Dallas. (right)



An initial feasibility study determined the best connection would utilize Goat Hill, Turtle Creek and Stemmons Park. This, and subsequent efforts led to a major right-of-way donation atop Goat Hill to facilitate a connecting trail across, around and beneath the complex maze of other infrastructure, and resulted in the City hiring Schrickel, Rollins and Associates and BMA to lead further development of a design concept for this challenging non-motorized connection. (below)



"The Connection" study involved extensive agency coordination led by BMA, along with innovative design development assisted by BMA – of a creative concept supported by the City staff and all agencies involved, as well as by the Friends of the Katy Trail and the Friends of the Trinity Strand Trail. The design concept was adopted in January 2011 by the Dallas Park Board.

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