



MEDIA ALERT

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Buffalo Bayou Path Project Ribbon Cutting *Project Links Downtown Multi-Use Trails*

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will be joined by Mayor Sylvester Turner and other dignitaries at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 31, 2016, for the official opening of a new link in Houston's trail system. The project joins two trail segments along Buffalo Bayou in downtown Houston, making it possible for hikers, joggers, and bicyclists to travel from Shepherd Drive to Allen's Landing on a shared-use trail.

WHO: Sylvester Turner, Mayor, City of Houston
Sheila Jackson Lee, Congresswoman, District 18
Karla Cisneros, Council Member, District H
Collin Cox, Chair, Buffalo Bayou Partnership Board of Directors
Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department

WHAT: Ribbon Cutting for Buffalo Bayou Path: Smith Street/Travis Street Link

WHEN: Thursday, March 31, 2016
10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Baker Commons at Sesquicentennial Park
Behind Wortham Center
Houston, TX 77002

This is the second of six projects being funded through a \$15 million USDOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant awarded in 2012 for the Houston Regional Bike/Pedestrian Connections to Transit project. It bridges a gap in the Buffalo Bayou Trail between Travis and Smith Streets through the construction of approximately 1,500 linear feet of concrete trail, bridging, and lighting. The Buffalo Bayou Partnership contributed over \$1 million in matching funds for design and construction, and the Main Street/Market Square Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ #3) contributed \$150,000 to construction.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,859 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.