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## **City Council approves agreement with TxDOT to build second Trinity River boat ramp**

A second boat ramp that will improve access to the Trinity River is a step closer to becoming a reality. On Wednesday, Aug. 28, the Dallas City Council gave its approval to an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to allow the construction, maintenance and operation of a boat ramp and parking area at Loop 12 along the west bank of the Trinity River.

The facility will be built on 89,068 square feet of Loop 12 right-of-way. The area is underneath and adjacent to the Loop 12 bridge over the Trinity River.

“We really wanted this south Dallas location for our second boat ramp along the Trinity,” said Rebecca Dugger, director of the Trinity River Corridor Project. “The boat ramp site is close to Joppa Preserve’s Little Lemmon Lake. When the construction is completed, visitors to the area will be able to access easily both the boat ramp and the preserve.”

Jay R. Nelson, TxDOT Dallas District Engineer, said the public wins when these types of cooperative efforts can be arranged.

“Promoting a higher quality of life through partnerships is a vision that TxDOT has statewide,” Nelson said. “Everyone wins when an agreement like this, which allows one governmental agency to operate a facility on another’s property, is successful.”

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The City will fund and construct the boat ramp, associated driveway and parking area. The boat launch will cost \$240,000 to build. The costs will be paid from Trinity River Corridor Project funds.

A design for the facility has already been prepared. Construction could begin as early as November. Completion of the Loop 12 boat ramp is expected in May.

Another boat ramp on the Trinity River is now operational. The Sylvan Avenue Boat Ramp, located next to Trammell Crow Lake Park (3700 Sylvan Avenue), was completed in January. The City's Park and Recreation Department maintains the self-service facility. There is no charge to use the boat ramp; however only properly licensed watercraft is allowed on the river.

Design costs for both boat ramps totaled \$57,675.

The Trinity River Corridor Project (TRCP) is the largest public works project in the City's history. Dallas voters approved the \$246-million project during a May 1998 bond election. When completed, the Trinity River Corridor Project will provide recreational amenities and environmental benefits, increase flood protection, improve traffic congestion in the downtown area, as well as encourage development of the lands along the river. Initial plans recommended up to four boat ramps along the Trinity River Corridor.

Contact the Trinity River Corridor Project Management Office at (214) 948-4202 or go to its Web site at [www.trinityrivercorridor.org](http://www.trinityrivercorridor.org) for more information.