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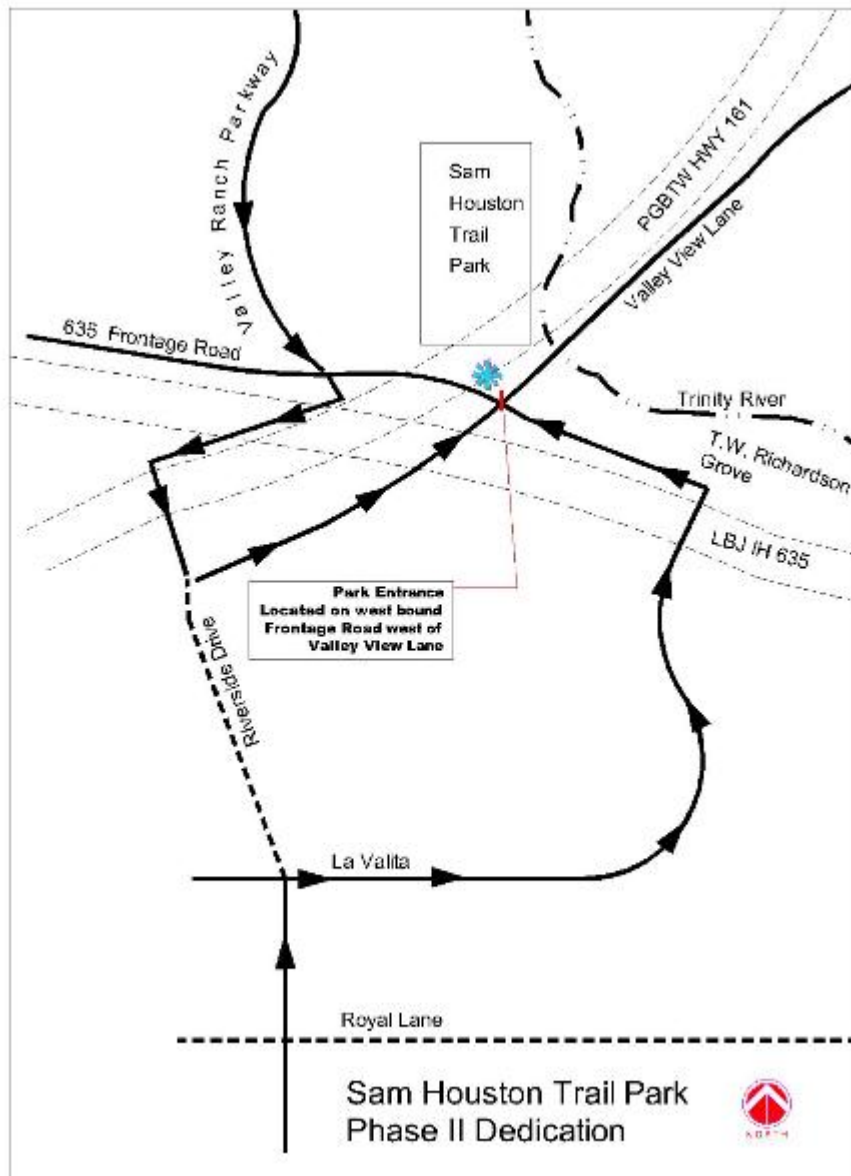
RIBBON CUTTING AND DEDICATION OF SAM HOUSTON TRAIL PARK – PHASE II

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: 101 E. Lyndon B. Johnson Frwy. Park Entrance
(Located on west bound I-635 frontage road west of Valley View Lane – Map attached)

Speakers will include Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne, Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, Irving City Manager Tommy Gonzalez and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Marcy Brown-Marsden. A ribbon cutting will follow, along with refreshments and golf cart tours of the trail extension.

Funding for this project was provided through a \$1.3 million grant from Dallas County as part of the County's effort to create a comprehensive trail system so that people can travel to major destinations without the need of a car. In the spirit of public-private partnership and intergovernmental cooperation, the Valley Ranch Association and Irving Flood Control District Section III shared the cost of the shoreline retaining wall with the City of Irving.

The Phase II project has added 1.1 miles of trail to the northern portion of the City's Champion Trail. With the completion of this extension, the northern part of Champion now has a length of 6.5 miles—which is one of the longest continuous trails in the Dallas area—and it is now possible to walk, run, bike, or skate from Valley Ranch to Las Colinas.



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