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Preferred Design Concept Selected for MTR Skate Park ***Design Developed from Public Input***

SEGUIN, Texas – After three public input opportunities and an online survey, a preferred design concept has emerged for Michael Thomas Raetzsch Skate Park.

“The skate park designers took the input received at the first public input meeting and the online forum to create two design concepts,” Seguin Parks and Recreation Director Jack Jones said. “Those were presented to the skaters at two additional public input meetings. Concept one, with a few tweaks, was the design favored by the skaters.”

The preferred concept is approximately 12,000 square feet and features a plaza-style design with stairs, rails and ramps. The concept was inspired by the plaza area in front of the Seguin Coliseum that was referenced by many skaters at the first public input meeting. The second design concept was smaller, approximately 10,000 square feet, because of the cost of constructing its concrete-heavy transition terrain design.

“It was important for us to go directly to the skaters for design ideas, Jones continued. “They’re the ones who will be using the park and we want them to enjoy it.”

Jones will present the preferred concept to City Council for additional input on November 18.

The MTR Skate Park will be located within Park West, a 48-acre park to be located south of San Antonio Avenue and east of North Vaughan Avenue. Park West will also include athletic fields, a playscape, splash pad, group pavilion, picnic shelters, nature trails, off-road bicycle trail, basketball courts, parking, restrooms and concessions. The 2013 bond election provided \$5 million for park amenities, including Park West. The MTR Skate Park has a budget of \$385,000 and is expected to break ground in February and open in April or May. Park West is expected to break ground in January and be complete in its entirety in July or August.

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About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts, an engine manufacture and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2014, Seguin was proud to be selected by Siro Group USA as the future home of the company's North American manufacturing facility.