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Waller Creek District Monthly Update

Project: Creek Corridor Framework Phase Plan
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Scope Summary: This effort is to create a guiding framework for Waller Creek, including detailed cross-sections, recommended creek, banks and vegetation stabilization, H&H modeling, proposed trail alignments, connectivity to the immediate street level and collaboration where possible with private developments.

Schedule Summary: May 2014 through May 2015: the project is progressing on schedule.

Current Activities: The September 17-18 Workshop included focused attention to the reach from 3rd Street to Symphony Square. We had just had a good rainfall and the team was delighted to be able to witness the numerous locations where storm water pipes empty in to the creek. As a result the team was able to develop possibilities for capture and amendments to improve conditions and, where possible, take advantage. There was much discussion of the need for additional survey information so that the H&H modeling can be more accurate in several areas of the creek where info is lacking.

We met with CapMetro to discuss their plans to remove traffic on 4th Street in favor of adding another rail line and expanding their stop. A subsequent meeting will be set up because the presenters were not aware of access needs to the 4th St Inlet for maintenance or the upgrades on Sabine Street increasing pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

The WCC is hosting an outreach meeting to property owners and developers in the District on October 28th. Ken Greenberg will be leading the discussion with support from MVVA and PDR.

Hot Topics:

- 1) The team continues to develop the next Phase Plan that will begin the first work towards construction. This Phase plan will cover the southernmost reach from the Convention Center to Lady Bird Lake.
- 2) Continue focus on potential changes to the 4th St Inlet. The JV Tunnel team does not have funding to incorporate any of the proposed changes at the completion of the tunnel construction to reconstruct the surface. A meeting will be held with City site plan reviewers to determine what, if any, wiggle room there might be to incorporate changes without having to revise the existing site development permit.
- 3) The connectivity of the trail with UT continues in the discussions. UT has not designed their site to receive the trail and we are trying to work with them to change that.

Next Steps:

- 1) Negotiations to continue with the Sutton Company regarding the creek banks and bridges along their development.
- 2) The continuation of efforts regarding the connectivity of the trail with the medical center development at UT.
- 3) The next and final Workshop of the Creek Corridor Framework scope of work will be October 15 & 16 and will focus on the last stretch of the creek from Red River to 12th Street