




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Kevin Johns, Director   
Economic Development Department

**DATE:** September 14, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Update on the former Williamson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant

City Council Resolution No. 20141211-129, directed the City Manager to provide semi-annual updates on the status of implementing recommendations from the *Disposition of the Former Williamson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Report* (the "Report"). The Report encapsulates the recommendations arising from the 2014 planning process in response to City Council Resolution No. 20140807-106. This memo provides City Council an update on the progress since the March 3, 2016 update memo.

- City staff has reconvened the interdepartmental team originally formed to guide the community planning process to coordinate the disposition of the site in a manner that feasibly achieves community goals. The team consists of the following offices/departments, under the project management of Economic Development: Austin Water Utility, Capital Planning Office, Health and Human Services, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Zoning, Real Estate Services, Sustainability Office, Transportation and Watershed Protection. The team will coordinate efforts to ensure the temporary and permanent uses of the property achieve the community goals by maximizing its reuse potential.
- On August 4, 2016, City Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for engineering services for the Williamson Creek Relief Interceptor Project (CIP #6943.031). The Project constrains the temporary uses during the estimated five-seven year construction period, as the property will be used for construction. The extent to which construction staging and permanent infrastructure impacts the developable acreage of the property will not be known until a portion of preliminary engineering is completed, which is anticipated within the next 12 to 18 months. The interdepartmental team will work to deliver on the Project in a manner sensitive to community goals.
- City staff briefed the Southeast Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team and the South Congress Combined Neighborhood Contact Team on the status of the Report and Project at their respective monthly meetings in April and May, respectively.

Since the property will be used for construction staging for the coming years, the interdepartmental team efforts will concentrate on maximizing temporary use of the property while making preparations for its permanent disposition. The team will continue exploring temporary use strategies in the coming months.

Please feel free to contact me at 512-974-7802 or Alejandra Lopez, Deputy Director, at 512-974-2343 if we can provide any additional information.

xc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager  
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