



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Jose M. Guerrero, P.E. Interim Director
Watershed Protection Department

DATE: July 30, 2019

SUBJECT: Lower Shoal Creek Slope Failure Update, July 2019

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with an update on the Lower Shoal Creek slope failure per Council direction on Agenda Items # 21 and 22 (June 19, 2019). For additional background, please refer to updates previously sent on [May 7](#), [May 18](#), [July 11](#), [November 5, 2018](#), [April 15 and June 11, 2019](#)

Current effort:

Staff continues to move forward on the three primary tracks needed to begin construction: 1) finalizing execution of the negotiated contract with Hayward Baker, Inc. (HBI); 2) HBI's completion of design and construction documents required to start construction; 3) acquisition of property easements from the affected private property owners adjacent to Pease Park.

Items 1) and 2) are on schedule to be completed by the end of September 2019. Item 3), however, has a longer projected timeframe for completion. Some of the property owners are requesting assurances from the City that are incompatible with what is required for secure installation of the project. To be sure, without acquiring the necessary property interests from each of the impacted property owners, our contractor, HBI, will not be able to begin construction of any approved work packages. It is therefore difficult to attach a schedule with any certainty to it.

Staff and the adjacent property owners are continuing regular correspondence in an attempt to find common ground and reach an agreement related to the easements that must be acquired. Staff will issue another update memo as soon as we have more certainty on the real estate aspects of this project.

Lastly, construction of the storm drain reroute project on Wooldridge Drive is underway and expected to be complete in October 2019.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mike Kelly, P.E., WPD Managing Engineer, at (512) 974-6591 or mike.kelly@austintexas.gov.

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