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**Fwd: FW: Drainage concern regarding City project on Scribe Drive**

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Mon, Jan 14, 2019 at 4:17 PM

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Greetings NCWT project team. I reached out to some other city staff for assistance in assessing and fixing the drainage problem created by the ADA access on Scribe Drive. Please see the comments provided below. Please keep our associations (Milwood and Walnut Crossing) apprised of how this problem will be fixed, along with the other erosion problems we reviewed at the site on Jan. 3rd.

Thanks,

Erik Harris  
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Austin Ridge Riders, Balcones Park Trail Steward

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From: **Baker, Jay** <Jay.Baker@austintexas.gov>  
Date: Mon, Jan 14, 2019 at 2:58 PM  
Subject: FW: Drainage concern regarding City project on Scribe Drive  
To: Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com>  
Cc: West, Samuel <Samuel.West@austintexas.gov>

Erik:

Thanks for sending the attached information. . I have copied Sam West on this to get his thoughts as well. Here are my comments:

1. This is an approach that is trying to establish ADA access like a curb ramp but there is not the elevation change to maintain drainage within the curbs as the standards call for so a standards waiver would be required if not already granted. The drainage elements will need to be addressed in the alternate detail.
2. I see that the truncated domes are installed so would ask if there is a receiving ramp on the other side of the street. This is an uncontrolled location so would also suggest that the transportation safety issues be addressed, so ATD may also need to be consulted with as well.
3. Is this access just supposed to be for pedestrian and bikes and not vehicles? If so, I would suggest that bollards be installed to prevent vehicles from entering the trail.

By the way, I was at a site visit in South Austin today and saw an interesting trail head treatment at the intersection on Davis Lane and Latta Lane at the south part of that T intersection. I like the way it was done and took pictures that I can share with you as well. It did also have good drainage and also addressed the comments I provided below.

I would encourage you to share these comments with the project team and will be happy to participate in dialog as needed. Thank you for bringing this important issue to our attention.

**Jay C. Baker, P.E., CFM**

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**From:** Erik Harris [<mailto:erik.harris.atx@gmail.com>]  
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**Subject:** Drainage concern regarding City project on Scribe Drive

Jay, per our conversation today, I'm sending information about a design defect regarding an ADA access recently constructed as part of the Northern Walnut Creek Trail. Please let me know if you have any questions or if the links don't work.

I'd like your opinion on whether this violate city drainage criteria and if you have any ideas on correcting the problem.

Thanks a ton!

Erik

Erik Harris

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