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RE: NCWT concerns

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Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 7:30 AM

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After the first onsite meeting to identify the tree replacement, the sub-contractor has become non-responsive. The City along with the Prime Contractor are working to resolve this situation.

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Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 1:00 PM

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Larry, regarding tree replacement on Segments 1-2, when will this occur? Also, when will the broken irrigation pipe be removed?

To all, here is a link to additional photos and video.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/QBnaxkYZqkdrD41ZA>

Unfortunately my phone started getting wet and shut down, so I did not get any of the water jumping the gutter on Scribe. I took pictures of some of the areas where the road base was left a steep angles to illustrate another problem - stabilization of the side slopes. I believe the plans call for vegetation with erosion control blanket in specified areas (ref plan sheets 46-48, 51-54) . Toeing in the blanket will be a problem here. Getting topsoil to adhere to the roadbase will be problematic and vegetated growth will be retarded by the lack of organic material and poor root penetration. Leaving the roadbase side slopes unvegetated is not acceptable as over time the fines will wash out of the base, releasing large aggregate.

Sheet 47 noting erosion control blanket placement:

PLAN NOTES

1. ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE REVEGETATION PLANS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, A. K. YOUNG ASSOCIATES, AT 512/476-6686.
2. THE PLANS ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED FINAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CITY AND/OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION. CHANGES MAY BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO APPROVAL.
3. REFER TO ENGINEERING DOCUMENTS FOR FULL SCOPE OF PROJECT, INCLUDING DIMENSIONS, LOCATIONS, AND PROJECT INFORMATION.
4. REFER TO FULL PROJECT DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO BIDDING OR CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING SPECIFICATIONS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL AND PROJECT DOCUMENTS FOR RELATED PIPELINE PROJECT.
5. ALL REVEGETATION ELEMENTS ARE TO BE INSTALLED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION APPROVED IN SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT DOCUMENTS. ALL REVEGETATION ACTIVITIES ARE TO BE CONTAINED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION APPROVED IN SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT DOCUMENTS.
6. LOCATION OF PLANT MATERIALS SHOULD BE AS SHOWN ON THE REVEGETATION PLAN. ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN FIELD CONDITIONS AND THE PROJECT DOCUMENTS WHICH LIMIT THE CONTRACTOR SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO PLANT MATERIAL INSTALLATION.
7. ALL PVIOUS PROJECT AREAS IMPACTED DURING CONSTRUCTION WILL BE HYDROMULCHED WITH A NATIVE SEED MIX (604S.6) UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DOCUMENTS.

Thanks

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Austin Ridge Riders, Balcones Park Trail Steward

On Mon, Dec 10, 2018 at 11:59 AM Mendez, Larry <Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Thank you Erik, I will forward your concerns to the Design Engineer.

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Dear Public Works Team:

I walked the NCWT in Balcones during the rain last Friday and noticed some issues:

Segments 3-5

-Water flowing down Scribe is jumping out of the street gutter at the new curb cut and flowing down the sidewalk causing considerable rilling along the trail

-the road base that would supposedly "wear like iron" is already eroding in several areas. I continue to maintain that a clay-based organic soil, with Erosion control blanket will be superior in long term erosion control once vegetation is established.



Segment 1-2 (that was never properly restored)

- water was ponding on the bridge deck due to clogging of the drainage slots - these need to be saw cut wider to prevent clogging. The left hand side of the trail approaching the culvert should be reshaped to allow drainage to get to the creek. Volunteers removed all the accumulated soil from the deck on Nov. 3rd, but it has returned due to soil washing from the unrestored trail side area.



observe that no water is flowing through the cuts, once I cleared a couple of these leaf jams, the deck started draining.

-speaking of Segment 1-2, what is the status replacement for the dead trees?

Thanks,

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