

RE: Ncwt Requests

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Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov>

Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 9:45 AM

To: Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com>

Cc: "Wettick, Katie" <Katie.Wettick@austintexas.gov>, "Spence, Janae" <Janae.Spence@austintexas.gov>

Hi Erik,

The contractor will begin the final trail work the week of September 30th. We will be addressing erosion & drainage issues, cracked slabs and portions of the trail that have been undermined, as well as runoff issues at Scribe Drive. The work we have identified meets City code requirements.

After extensive conversations with the Parks and Recreation Department, our engineers as well as maintenance staff, some areas you recommended for base removal and revegetation have not been included in the scope of work. The main reasons for this are because we have observed vegetation growth in these areas and do not want to disturb what has started to take root. The seeds that have been planted are native seeds, and are perennials which won't require reseeding.

As Larry mentioned in his previous emails there is some base shoulder removal on the switch back on from 16+00 to 17+50. This is being done only on one side because we have observed the other side of the trail does not require base removal.

New cracks that have formed have been identified by our engineers as superficial. We expect concrete to crack but as long as it doesn't shift and create accessibility issues we will leave these as is. We will be replacing the cracked slabs that our engineers have identified that require replacement.

We are unable to meet on site this week and cannot delay our contractor from completing the work as it has been extremely difficult getting them to remobilize to complete the scope of work we've identified for them thus far. We have met several times with you and other stakeholders on site to discuss these same issues and since the existing conditions have not changed, we are moving forward with having the contractor finish the work we've defined for them and will then monitor maintenance needs once the project is completed.

Thank you,

Ana Seivert

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From: Seivert, Ana

Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 5:32 PM

To: Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com>; Mendez, Larry <Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov>

Cc: Wettick, Katie <Katie.Wettick@austintexas.gov>; Spence, Janae <Janae.Spence@austintexas.gov>; Oeffinger, Josh <Josh.Oeffinger@austintexas.gov>; Meg D <meqbdavis1@qmail.com>; Kernan Hornburg <kernan@wxna.org>

Subject: Re: Ncwt Requests

Hi Erik,

I need a bit more time to coordinate with other folks. I'll be in touch but currently me and a few other staff members are not available Wednesday to meet on site. Larry is out of the office Thursday and Friday so next week is the soonest we could meet. Again I'll be in touch when I get further confirmation from folks.

Thank you,

Ana

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From: Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 4:51:06 PM
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To: Mendez, Larry < Larry. Mendez@austintexas.gov>

Cc: Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov>; Wettick, Katie <Katie.Wettick@austintexas.gov>; Spence, Janae <Janae.Spence@austintexas.gov>; Oeffinger, Josh <Josh.Oeffinger@austintexas.gov>; Meg D

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Do we want to set a time? Does Wednesday work for everyone else? Shall we meet at Scribe? Thanks

Thanks

Erik Harris

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On Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 2:56 PM Mendez, Larry <Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov> wrote:

I offered my availability, Wednesday.

L. Mendez

From: Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 2:49 PM

To: Mendez, Larry <Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov>

Cc: Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov>; Wettick, Katie <Katie.Wettick@austintexas.gov>; Spence, Janae <Janae.Spence@austintexas.gov>; Oeffinger, Josh <Josh.Oeffinger@austintexas.gov>; Meg D <megbdavis1@gmail.com>;

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" Wednesday will work for me, if not next week". I also offered Thurs or Friday early of late. As of now I could probably meet anytime Thurs or Friday. I prefer not to push this to next week. We already missed the prime construction window this summer.

"One correction is that there is some base shoulder removal on the switch back on the RT from 16+00 to 17+50." Yes, so why not do the other side while you have the contractor out there - save us from having to deal with this in 3 months and they need to remove all the base from the silt fence anyway which they can't do without getting into the edge of pavement.

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On Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 2:39 PM Mendez, Larry <Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Wednesday will work for me, if not next week. One correction is that there is some base shoulder removal on the switch back on the RT from 16+00 to 17+50.

Larry Mendez

From: Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 1:57 PM
To: Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov>

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Hi Ana, I would prefer to meet at the site - that way we can look at the plans and the actual site conditions, which are also difficult to describe without visual inspection. I am available today after 4, Wed. 10 AM -3:30 PM Thurs/Friday before 9AM or after 3PM. Let me know what works for you.

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On Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 1:45 PM Seivert, Ana < Ana. Seivert@austintexas.gov > wrote:

Hey Erik,	Heν	/ E	ri	k.
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I'm concerned I'm not describing the scope of work adequately via email so it seems like it'd be best to meet in person at One Texas Center to discuss more. That way Larry & Josh can discuss the design elements with you better than I'm doing via email. Are there some days and times you're available to discuss here?

Thank you,

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From: Erik Harris [mailto:erik.harris.atx@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 1:29 PM
To: Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov>

Cc: Wettick, Katie <Katie.Wettick@austintexas.gov>; Spence, Janae.Spence@austintexas.gov>; Mendez, Larry <Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov>; Meg D <megbdavis1@gmail.com>; Kernan Hornburg <kernan@wxna.org>

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Ana, thanks for sending, but I am not in agreement and feel that our good faith in agreeing to a partial repair has been betrayed. The switchback area by STA 17+50 Left is one of the areas with dessication cracking - it will fail, it is only a matter of time. Part of the slope from 16+20 to 16+50 Left is supported by the silt fence that is full of flex base that eroded from upstream that needs to be reworked anyway. I am not going to accept this - after almost 10 years of this project I am not going to settle for 1/2 measures. The vegetation in this area is sparse with mostly annual vegetation that will need to be reseeded to meet city standards. I will be contacting other stakeholders, environmental board and media if necessary. If it comes to that I am going to insist on the entire project being redone properly.

Volunteers are already looking at having to shore up the parts of the Scribe to Mopac section due to failure to revegetate. When will this end?

Thanks,

Erik Harris

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On Mon, Sep 16, 2019 at 11:47 AM Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Hi Erik,

Sorry for the confusion and not specifying the removal areas better. The areas that were removed from the scope are the ones highlighted but x'ed out in red on the plans. The ones that will remain are the highlighted areas. We've had

extensive conversations with PARD, our engineers, and our maintenance folks regarding the best solution for the final work. Our maintenance crews have looked critically into this issue since they are the ones that have to resolve any trail undermining issues. After discussions and site visits with these groups, our biggest concerns are disturbing the vegetation growth we saw through June in the areas west of Scribe Dr. The fear has been if we disturb this area we'll be undoing the progress that's been made so far and this area has seemed to become stable since that growth has occurred.

The areas where we will be replacing the sub-base and topping with soil and erosion control blankets are east of Scribe Dr. We will also be doing improvements to Scribe as we've discussed previously to avoid significant run off onto the trail. We will also be doing the rock berm, but not the earth berm since we don't have enough area within the LOC to do it.

Hopefully this helps clarify it. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 9:50 AM
To: Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Wettick, Katie <Katie.Wettick@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Ncwt Requests

Hi Ana, can you tell me what was removed from the scope of work? Apart from a few Bermuda grass runners (that are coming from the adjacent topsoil area), there is no vegetative stabilization occuring in the flex base. These runners will not be able to stabilize the flex base as the flex base has insufficient organic material to support rooting.

I want to understand what is being changes as I thought there was agreement based on areas that had obvious loss of fines, which exposes the larger aggregate, making it susceptible to erosion, this gets washed and tracked onto the trail (in addition to discharge to the creek). This was a compromise from my position that the entire trail should be redone! City code and TCEQ rules requires stabilization of all unpaved disturbed soil, city code does not allow unpaved trails (except for granite gravel, which is certainly not appropriate here) Finally, the approved trail detail has soil as backfill.

I'm not sure how rainfall events would change the previous findings. Note that there was essentially zero rainfall since the end of June.

As I have pointed out again and again, we are coming up on 10 years to finish this project. We want it done right so we aren't having these discussions 3 years from now.

Do I need to get the general permit folks or Office of the Engineer to weigh in on this?

Thanks, Erik

On Mon, Sep 16, 2019, 9:15 AM Seivert, Ana < Ana. Seivert@austintexas.gov > wrote:

Hi Erik.

After further review of the areas after rain events some of the areas of work have been modified. We will do the work which should be starting at the end of the month, and continue to monitor the drainage of the trail moving forward.

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From: Erik Harris [mailto:erik.harris.atx@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 12:52 PM **To:** Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Ncwt Requests

Hi Ana, the markup looks like what I sent to Janae in April:

STA 11+50 to 17+50 LT (600' less about 10' for the valley gutter and flume length

STA 11+50 to 14+00 RT (250')

STA 15+65 to 17+50 RT (185')

STA 18+00 to 19+50 LT (150')

STA 22+15 to 26+02 RT (387') *

STA 22+15 to 25+00 LT(285') *

Total 1857 If @2' = 3714 sf @ 4" depth = 1238 cf

I would like to review any of the areas that were removed as the revegetation is very sparse and there is dessication cracking in some areas that will let water in once it rains again - I'm concerned that this could restart the cycle of erosion we were seeing before it stopped raining.

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On Fri, Sep 6, 2019 at 10:58 AM Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Hi Erik,

Let me get with Larry to confirm what areas will be done. I know a few locations were removed from the proposal for erosion control because vegetation was growing. Attached is the original area we were going to remove the sub-grade and replace with grass just for your reference.

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From: Erik Harris [mailto:erik.harris.atx@gmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 12:27 PM

To: Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov>; Wettick, Katie <Katie.Wettick@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Re: Ncwt Requests

[External email. Caution with links & attachments!]

Hi Ana and Katie, I was wondering if there is a map or description of locations where the erosion repairs will be done that you could send when you get the schedule? We can help get the word out by posting on our website and Nextdoor. People like to know in advance so they can adjust their plans/route and it will reduce folks trying to go through barriers. Also, I am planning It's my park day events and need to know if there are construction areas to avoid.

thanks for all your help!

Erik

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On Wed, Aug 28, 2019 at 2:12 PM Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Hi Erik.

We got some follow up from the contractor finally! He's adjusted the pricing for the work to complete the trail. We're just waiting on a schedule for the date for them to start finishing the work.

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From: Seivert, Ana

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 1:51 PM

To: Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com>; Mendez, Larry <Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov>

Cc: Oeffinger, Josh

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Hi Erik,

We are 100% on the same page. We've been having challenges with the contractor getting them to agree on a proposal for the work but more importantly provide pricing for it since what we're asking for wasn't in the initial bid. We've been pushing them to get this information to us and are trying our best to get this resolved. I'll be sure to update you once we get a definitive timeline from them.

Feel free to give me a call and we can chat more ©

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From: Erik Harris [mailto:erik.harris.atx@gmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 1:20 PM To: Mendez, Larry <Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov>

Cc: Oeffinger, Josh <Josh.Oeffinger@austintexas.gov>; Simons, Barry <Barry.Simons@austintexas.gov>; Seivert, Ana <Ana.Seivert@austintexas.gov>; Albert Bedia <ABedia@wpmcivil.com>; Randall Reese <RReese@wpmcivil.com>; Williams, DAnne <DAnne.Williams@austintexas.gov>; Spence, Janae <Janae.Spence@austintexas.gov>; MNA Board <mnaboard@milwoodna.com>; Mendoza, Marco <Marco.Mendoza@austintexas.gov>; Miranda, Nick <Nick.Miranda@austintexas.gov>; Kernan Hornburg

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resending to correct to date of photo #1

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On Wed, Aug 21, 2019 at 1:17 PM Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello all, it has been many months since the replacement of the road base was agreed upon (for the areas where erosion is evident). Can we please get this done so this project can finally be out of the way? See the attached schedule. I didn't think I would need to extend this to 2019, but if this goes into 2020, it will be almost 10 years since the project started May 2010.

Additionally,

- 1) the cracked pavement near STA 21+00, noted last spring is shifting with the dry weather and now has about 1" vertical gap. Here is a picture from April 9, 2019. I didn't take one today.
- 2) The roadbase near STA 18+00 (LT) is separating from the edge of pavement. This opening will allow runoff into the gap and eventually blow out the embankment.

Please expedite these items!!! We would like to get back to caring for the park instead of dealing with the unfinished trail work.

Thanks

Erik Harris

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On Mon, Jul 15, 2019 at 2:13 PM Mendez, Larry Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov wrote:

Eric,

Thanks for the notice.

Albert,

Did you re-install the sock and close off the trial as I had requested on June 17, 2019?

Thanks,

Larry Mendez

From: Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:27 PM

To: Mendez, Larry <Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov>

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Greetings, as of Sunday AM, additional aggregate and soil was observed to have migrated onto the trail from the staging area to the bridge. We are requesting removal. Thanks

Erik Harris

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On Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 10:50 AM Mendez, Larry <Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov> wrote:

I have notified the contractor of the debris. The mulch sock was removed by direction from DSD. I have asked the contractor to replace the sock mulch and to close the trail until the eroding issue has been resolved. A meeting is scheduled this week with the Contractor to discuss the changes need in order to process a change order for the additional work.

Thanks.

Larry Mendez

From: Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 10:10 AM

To: Mendez, Larry Larry Larry Larry Larry.Mendez@austintexas.gov; Oeffinger, Josh Josh.Oeffinger@austintexas.gov; Seivert, Ana

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Good morning, can someone let me know if and when the road base will be cleared from the paved trail? It is a hazard to trail users. It was still there Sunday AM and with last night's rain there is probably more. The mulch sock at the project boundary is also displaced, so the material is washing off site - onto the bridge deck and into the creek.

Thanks

Erik Harris

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	On Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 7:00 AM Erik Harris <erik.harris.atx@gmail.com> wrote:</erik.harris.atx@gmail.com>
	Greetings, on Tuesday evening, we noticed lots of flexbase on the pavement from the staging area to the bridge. We are requesting that the material be moved off the trail to an area protected from erosion.
	Also, the portion on the trail beyond the bridge (near mopac) is very overgrown. We request mowing. Since there are lots of wild flowers (albeit with ragweed and Johnson grass), we request it be kept to one mower width (if the mower can identify invasive species, they can go wider as needed to suppress these).
	Thanks, Erik Harris
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