

## WATER QUANTITY OPPORTUNITIES

### **OFF-SITE DETENTION: Potential Upstream Pond Locations**



Old Bee Caves Road near Sunset Ridge location

Maximum available storage is approximately 100 acre-feet or 32 million gallons. The surface area of the pond is approximately 13 acres.





SH 71 near Covered Bridge Drive location

Maximum available storage is approximately 45 acre-feet or 15 million gallons. The surface area of the pond is approximately 12 acres. **WHY**: Ensure this project does not result in flooding impacts

**WHAT**: Provide flood storage at two off-site and upstream detention ponds

**HOW**: Build a dam across these natural creek valleys to capture flood waters during intense rain events. The water will then slowly recede over the next hours/days.



## WILLIAMSON CREEK CONCRETE REMOVAL

#### **EXISTING BRIDGE REMOVAL**









OLD BEE CAVES ROAD

WILLIAM CANNON DRIVE

US 290

### We propose to:

- Remove a net volume of about 2,900 cubic yards of concrete from floodplain
- Add six new columns in 25-year floodplain, which would be about 220 cubic yards



## POTENTIAL WILLIAMSON CREEK TREATMENTS







with Joint Plantings Scale: Horizontal: 1/4" = 1'.0" Vertical: 3/8" = 1'-0"

Artistic Renderings from City of Austin – Watershed Protection Department



## **GREEN MOBILITY CHALLENGE**

- In July 2011, the Mobility Authority, in partnership with TxDOT, launched the Green Mobility Challenge
- This sustainable design competition challenged Texas' most creative landscape architects, planners and engineers to propose better ways of constructing, operating and maintaining future transportation projects
- One of the projects selected for teams to submit sustainable concepts was the Oak Hill Parkway

### **IDEAS FOR OAK HILL PARKWAY**

- Multi-use trails or paths/trailheads
- Enhancing Williamson Creek (while maintaining natural setting)
- Community gateway
- Native, low-maintenance vegetation/trees
- Porous friction pavement
- Grass filter strips
- Vegetated swales
- Regional detention/biofiltration
- Riparian plantings
- Solar pedestrian lighting
- Use of recycled materials



# WATER QUALITY 101

**WHAT**: Provide treatment of stormwater runoff from the project before discharging into Williamson Creek and its tributaries

**WHY**: Protect Williamson Creek and the Edwards Aquifer from pollution associated with development

## STRATEGIES - "Best Management Practices (BMPs)"

- Vegetative filter strips, grassy swales
- Sedimentation/sand filtration basins
- Bioretention ponds
- Extended detention basins
- Regional water quality

