



Water Quality Workshop Meeting Documentation Form

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 from 6-8 pm
Oak Hill United Methodist Church
7815 Hwy. 290 West, 78736

On August 25, 2015, a Water Quality Workshop was held at the Oak Hill United Methodist Church in order to share with the community what the project team knows about water issues in the corridor, including Williamson Creek, flooding concerns and run off. Attendees were asked to help us identify additional issues and concerns as well as their priorities for the team regarding both water quality and water quantity.

Email invitations were sent on August 11, 2015 and a reminder email sent on August 24, 2015 to all stakeholders that have been invited to or have attended previous workgroup meetings, as well as stakeholders who have submitted comments or have provided us with an email address over the course of this project. Over 40 members of the public attended.

Attendees and project staff were seated at four stations around the meeting room. Two handouts were provided to attendees. One being the Water Quality Workshop agenda and the other a project fact sheet. The meeting facilitator, Lynda Rife, introduced the Oak Hill Parkway project team members who then provided short presentations to the group – Melissa Hurst (Mobility Authority), Wade Strong (Rodriguez Transportation Group), Rose Marie Klee (Texas Department of Transportation), Joe Skidmore (K Friese & Associates, Inc.) and John Middleton (City of Austin Watershed Protection Department).

Presentation Topics:

- Green Mobility Challenge
- Williamson Creek
- Water Quality
- Water Quantity

Between presentations, attendees were asked to participate in roundtable discussion sessions with project team members who were assigned to each station. Below is a quick recap of some of the input we received at the workshop from these breakout sessions:

Williamson Creek:

- Mimic the natural setting as much as possible when terracing Williamson Creek at key locations instead of using concrete
- Have a program of long term maintenance of any terracing at Williamson Creek
- Minimize any impact to the ecosystem of Williamson Creek as a result of the proposed project
- Minimize any potential impact to trees and vegetation near Williamson Creek due to the proposed elevated structures, specifically due to shading from sunlight and stormwater quantity and quality
- Plant additional trees and as many native plants as possible adjacent to Williamson Creek

Proposed Trailhead at Williamson Creek Near William Cannon Drive:

- Continue plans for the proposed trailhead
- Add additional trailheads where possible, specifically near McCarty/Joe Tanner or by HEB
- Maintain wildlife crossings near trailheads
- Maintain the trailhead, shared use path and the creek itself

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Water Quantity:

- Minimize any potential impact to downstream flooding, especially in Gaines Creek
- Ensure that emergency vehicles can access and use entire proposed facility during a flooding event
- Design aesthetically pleasing and landscaped treatments for all water detention ponds; use as little concrete as possible in these areas
- Make regional detention ponds available for community/recreational use, and perhaps involve private sector to help fund community amenities
- Minimize any potential impact to trees due to changes in drainage as a result of the proposed project

Water Quality:

- Minimize any potential impact to Williamson Creek and other water features due to run off during the construction phase as well as run off from cars on the roadway and elevated structure if the project is built
- Include water quality features at the section of Williamson Creek that would be located between proposed elevated structures, specifically features that treat storm water runoff before it reaches the creek

We also heard differing opinions about the proposed elevated structures (some were for, some were against), support for minimizing tree removal, and an interest in learning more about Alternatives A and C.

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The interactive discussion that followed each presentation included questions for attendees, which are listed below. After reviewing this meeting summary and meeting materials available for download on the project website, let the project team know if you have additional thoughts on these items via the project website contact us page: <http://www.oakhillparkway.com/contact/>

Williamson Creek:

1. *In regard to the Oak Hill Parkway project, do you have any issues or concerns regarding Williamson Creek?*
2. *Do you have any suggestions for the project team regarding Williamson Creek?*
3. *The project team is considering building a trailhead near Williamson Creek. Is that something the community would like?*

Water Quantity and Water Quality:

1. *Where have you seen flooding in the area?*
2. *What suggestions do you have for water quality for the Oak Hill Parkway project?*

NOTE: All handouts and presentations from the workshop are available for download on the “Public Input” page on the project website www.OakHillParkway.com.