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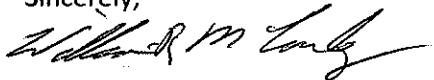
Re: Request for Variance from Austin City Code, LDC Section 25-8-651 (*Shoreline Modification between Lake Austin and Tom Miller Dam*)
Proposed Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake, CIP ID: 7593.005

Mrs. Sue Welch:

On behalf of our client (the City of Austin), Eclipse Environmental and Engineering, Inc. is submitting this variance request regarding the Austin City Code, LDC Section 25-8-651 (*Shoreline Modification between Lake Austin and Tom Miller Dam*). LDC Section 25-8-651 states approving the application will not endanger a water supply, water supply system or other public utility facilities. The application will not create a hazard to navigation or swimming; furthermore it will not create a hazard to the safety, maintenance, and/or operation of a dam, bridge, or other structure not owned by the applicant. The above referenced project proposes to build abutments on public and private land at each transition of the trail from land to water.

We are requesting that the Lake Lady Bird trail extension project referenced above be granted variance, which allows construction of the proposed abutments. These abutments will be located at the shoreline and will not affect water navigation or create a hazard to swimming. These abutments will be located underneath the proposed boardwalk. The proposed abutments are located approximately 1 mile from the Tom Miller Dam and approximately 0.82 miles from the Longhorn Dam. The abutments are located at a distance sufficient to pose no direct impact on dam operation or maintenance. The proposed abutments will be located near the IH-35 overpass. The abutment locations were selected to avoid impacts on the operation or maintenance of the overpass structure. Appropriate erosion and sediment controls will be used during the construction of the abutments and any excess soil cuttings or other excavated material will be removed from the site as needed to protect water quality. Your consideration is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at any time at (512) 323-6350.

Sincerely,



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