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## Waller Creek District Monthly Update

Project: **Creek Corridor Framework Phase Plan**  
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**Scope Summary:** This effort is to create a guiding framework for Waller Creek, including detailed cross-sections, recommended creek, banks and vegetation stabilization, H&H modeling, proposed trail alignments, connectivity to the immediate street level and collaboration where possible with private developments.

**Schedule Summary:** May 2014 through May 2015 (see attached graphic schedule). The project is progressing on schedule.

**Current Activities:** The first tasks include creating the detailed cross-sections from known information and then doing field work to evaluate existing conditions and update the drawings to include actual plant materials, field measurements and observations.

The first “workshop” took place on June 17 & 18 and served as a kick-off to the work. The entire team gathered, began drafting a set of priorities for the work and conducted a creek walk from Lady Bird Lake to Waterloo Park. We reviewed the initial drafts of cross-sections, discussed priorities and preconceptions and agreed on next steps.

The second “workshop” took place on July 15 & 16 and was focused on the first “reach” from Lady Bird Lake to the Convention Center. Further work was done on setting design priorities and it was agreed that these would be nimble to accept fine-tuning as the work progresses. The team focused on new information garnered in the advanced cross-sections and identified several areas for further focus. In addition, several meetings took place included a meeting with the Sutton Group focused on the Waller Park Place development and a meeting with the Austin Convention Center Department about moving the trail to the west bank and their proposed new outdoor entertainment area. A third meeting was with UT to look at their medical center development. They are showing the hike & bike trail on the west bank ending at street level at Trinity and 15<sup>th</sup>. MVVA will make a diagram showing how their trail could connect to Waterloo Park at creek level. It was agreed with both parties that the teams continue collaboration.

### Hot Topics:

- 1) The development of a scope of work for the next Phase Plan that will result in construction documents and future construction of the portion of the creek from Lady Bird Lake to the Convention Center. The possibility of a Community Facilities Contract with the Sutton Group exists and involves parkland, state owned property, city property and the intersection with the Sutton owned properties. Mike Kelly is focused on gathering a meeting of City experts for a meeting with MVVA to discuss the alternative approaches and determine a path.
- 2) The Convention Center is moving forward with the planning of their outdoor entertainment area at the Castleman Bull and Trask Houses. They need to maximize their outdoor space yet still allowing for a graceful trail along the creek. An existing water quality pond will need to be modified and Mike Kelly is working on how to approach this analyses.



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3) The connectivity of the trail with UT will require an analysis of the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. dwg is taking field measurements and then MVVA will prepare their analysis of how to make connections. WCC will coordinate a meeting with City Transportation and UT to see what possibilities may be identified for this bridge.

**Next Steps:**

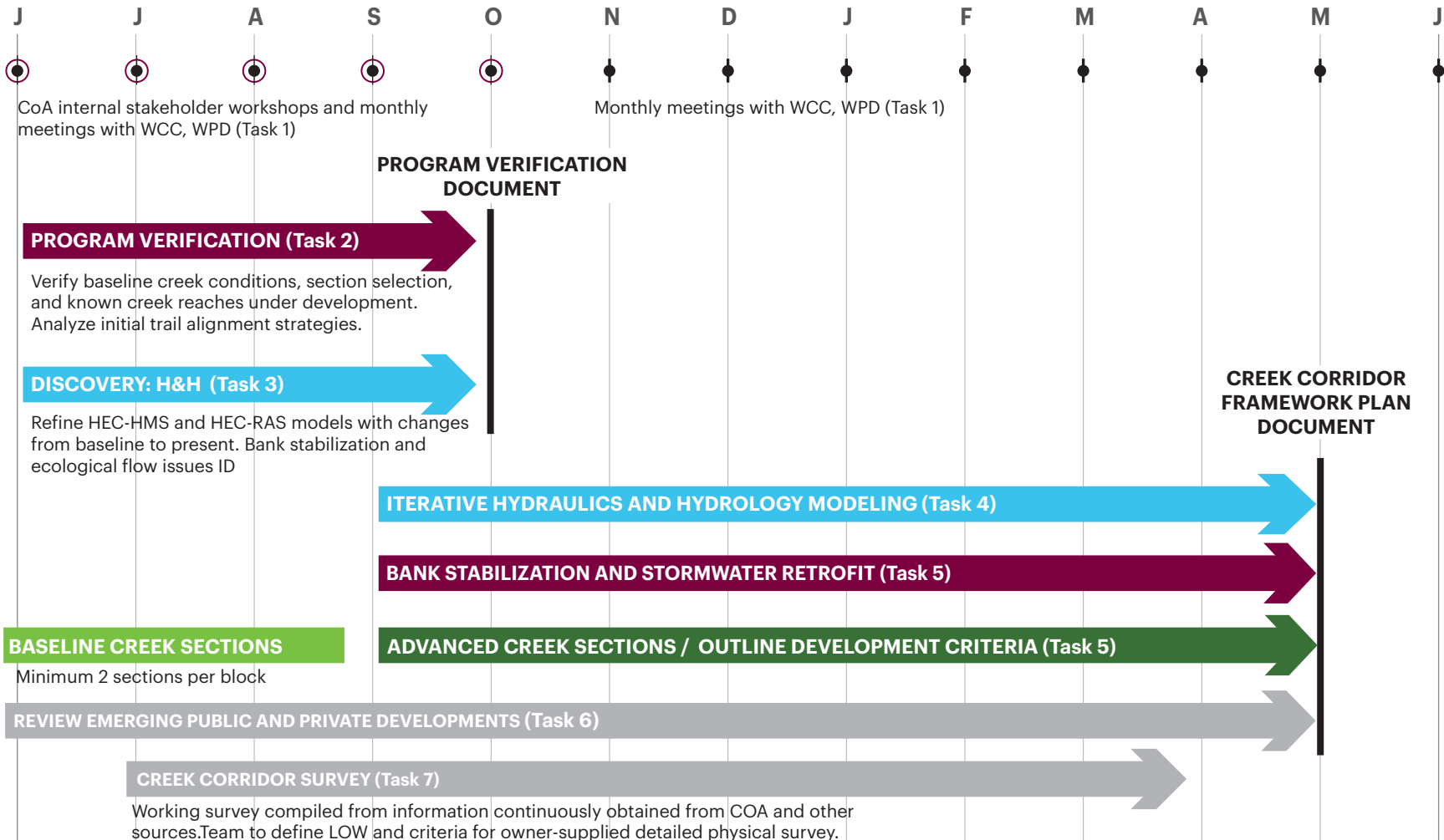
- 1) The MVVA team will be back for the third “workshop” on August 19 & 20. During this workshop we will focus on the next “reach” from the Convention Center to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. (SB confirming).
- 2) Public meeting set up by ACCD with their Stakeholders outlining possible alignment of the trail and the outdoor entertainment area.
- 3) Continued analysis of the coordination of the construction for the lowest reach – whether to use CFC or not.
- 4) The continuation of efforts regarding the connectivity of the trail with the medical center development at UT.

# PROJECT SCHEDULE: CREEK CORRIDOR FRAMEWORK PHASE PLAN

5/09/2014

2014

2015



Concurrent Waller Creek Phase Plans (Scopes TBD)

CREEK MOUTH CONCEPT DESIGN

WALLER CREEK TUNNEL PROJECT COORDINATION

PROGRAMMING STUDIES

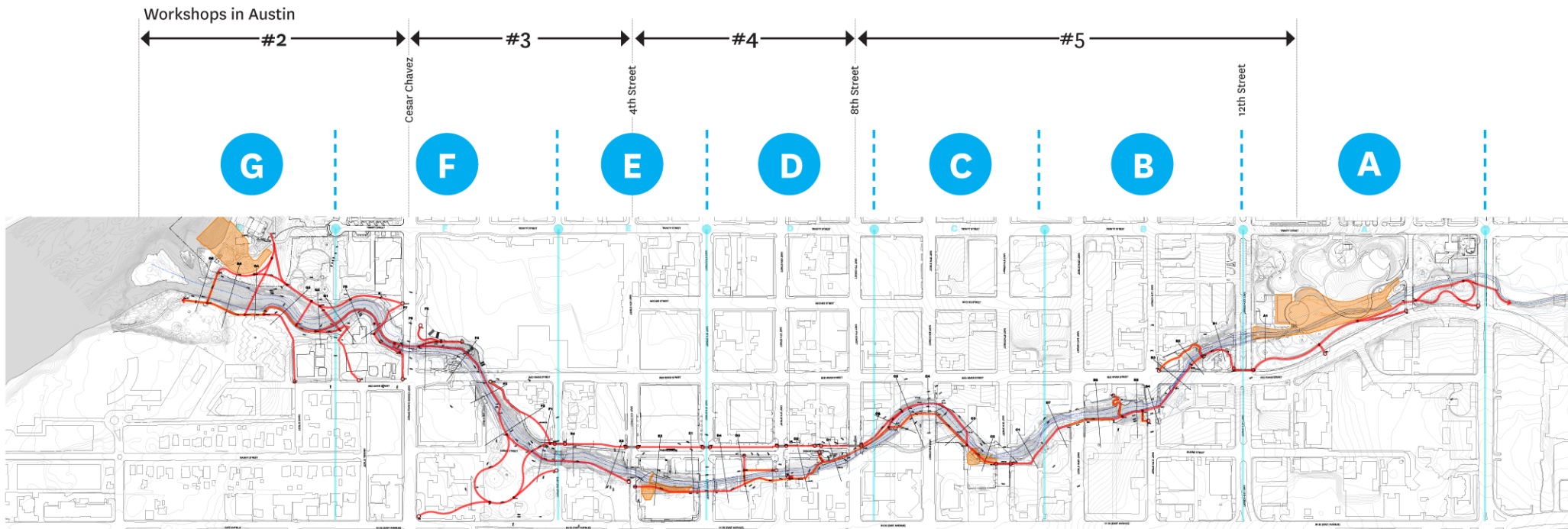
# EXHIBIT A: PROJECT AREA DIAGRAM

Creek Corridor Framework Plan Scope Boundary



- Minimum 2 creek cross-sections per block, from 15th Street to Lady Bird Lake
- Review of public and private development adjacent to Waller Creek

# Creek Corridor Framework Plan: Reaches



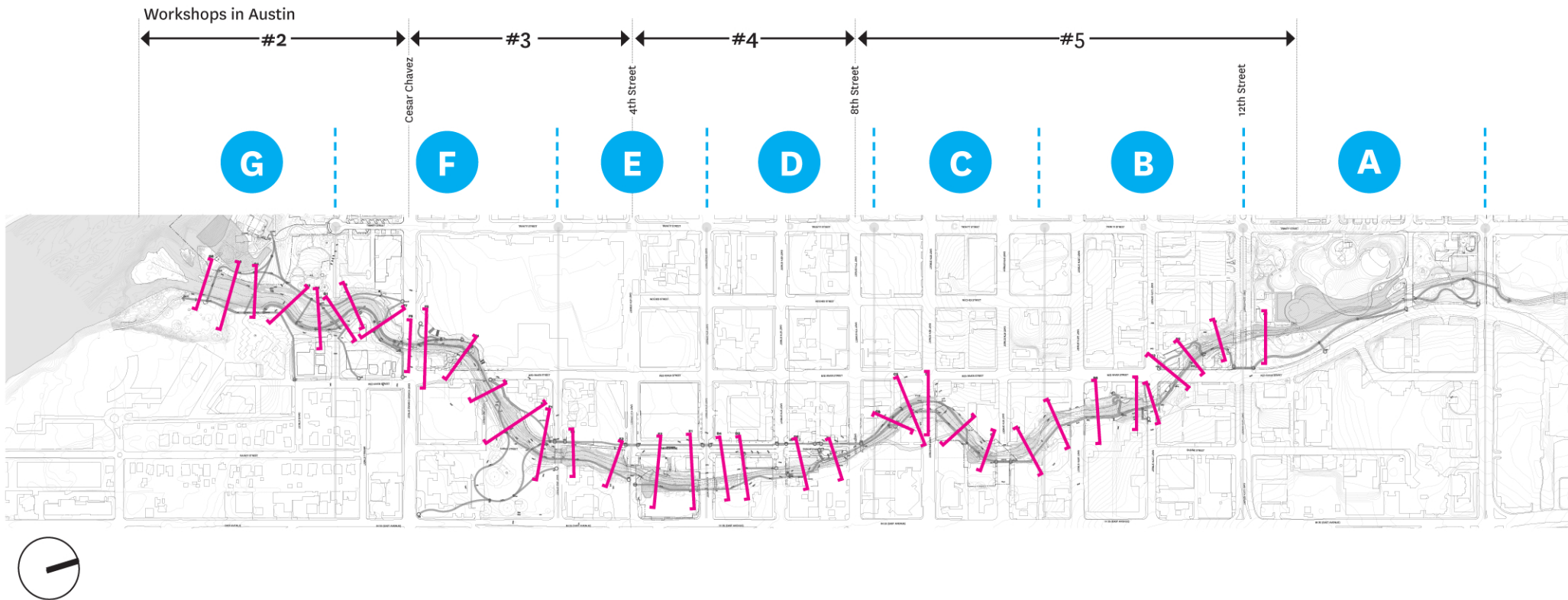
- ..... Creek Centerline
- Proposed Trail Network
- Proposed Trail Network on Existing Trails
- Waller Creek Tunnel Infrastructure

## REACHES A - G

- Determined by major features:
  - In-channel (e.g. WCT side-flow inlets)
  - Private upland development
  - Existing conditions (The Narrows)
- Potential for similar/related bank restoration opportunities within each reach



# Creek Corridor Framework Plan: Sections



## (2) CROSS SECTIONS PER BLOCK

- Preliminary proposed trail alignment
- All sections face direction of flow
- Existing topography
- Existing buildings & adjacent ROWs,
- Known/emerging future development
- Property lines