

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center Soil Excavation

December 14, 2012

- Design-Build Contractor Hunt-Zachry determined that existing soil could not support the expansion. Structurally-enhanced soil needed to be placed throughout the site, which required removing existing soil.

July 1, 2013

- Construction began in July 2013.

September 6, 2013

- Geo-Strata submitted a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for Hunt-Zachry Construction, which included limited samples. Geo Strata recommended that all soil be deposited in a landfill, at a cost of \$6 million, or reused on site.

September 27, 2013

- Raba Kistner submitted review of Geo-Strata report, and recommended more testing.

November 12, 2013

- Raba Kistner submitted their Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, which included 58 soil samples and results disputed Geo-Strata recommendation. Raba Kistner concluded soil met residential standards and could be reused at another site.

November 21, 2013

- CoSA provides Hunt-Zachry with a letter authorizing the reuse of soil.

December 4, 2013 to February 17, 2014

- Mass excavation of soil and hauling from HBGCC site to City-owned commercial property at Hwy 151 and Old Hwy 90.
- As hauled soil arrived at the site, contractor leveled the soil.
- City did not incur any additional costs to haul the soil.
- However, City incurred costs in the amount of \$432,055 to ensure all soil hauled was received and properly leveled at the Hwy 151 and Old Hwy 90 site.

February 17, 2015

- Mike Frisbie, City Engineer and TCI Director, sent a memo to City Manager, Mayor and Council to outline the soil excavation efforts.
- Metro Health will oversee the selection of a neutral firm to conduct an Environmental Assessment of the Hwy 151 and Old Hwy 90 site.

