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Recommendation for Council Action (Real Estate)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	12948	Agenda Number	65.
Meeting Date:	March 22, 2012			
Department:	Office of Real Estate Services			
Subject				
<p>Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Martin Hill Transmission Main Project for 78,842 square feet for a permanent waterline easement and 100,785 square feet for a temporary working space, staging area, and material storage site easement; both being out of the William Hornsby Survey No. 22, Abstract No. 344, the William Hornsby Survey No. 77, Abstract No. 390, and Phillip J. Allen Abstract No. 2692, in Travis County, Texas in the amount of \$89,213. The owners of the needed property interests are ROBINSON 1993 LAND LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ROBINSON RANCH AND ROBINSON LAND LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. The property is located along the north and west line of McNeil-Merriltown Road, in Austin, Travis County, Texas.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility Department.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				

Additional Backup Information

The Martin Hill Transmission Main Project requires the acquisition of a permanent waterline easement and a temporary working space, staging area, and material storage site easement at the property located along the north and west line of McNeil-Merriltown Road, in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The Martin Hill Transmission Main Project will provide water for the northwest and north quadrants of the City of Austin. It is a part of the City of Austin's Strategic Water Facility Plan and will provide additional transmission capacity from the Martin Hill Reservoir. The proposed 54-inch main will extend from Parmer Lane to the Martin Hill Reservoir. Approximately two thirds of the project follows the McNeil Road/Howard Lane alignment until it veers north to terminate at the reservoir site. Easements are needed for the portion of the project east of the McNeil Road Cut-off to the Martin Hill Reservoir site.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed easements. The City and the property owner were unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.