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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	15296	Agenda Number	132.
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Meeting Date:	5/24/2012	Department:	Office of Real Estate Services
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing in accordance with Section 26.001 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and consider a resolution authorizing the use of approximately 4,455 square feet of land for permanent drainage and 4,713 square feet for temporary workspace, staging and spoils storage site area in connection with the construction, use, maintenance, repair and replacement of a storm drain and appurtenances for the South Shore Storm Drain Improvement Project, which is located on dedicated parkland known as International Shores at Town Lake.

Amount and Source of Funding

All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by requester.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Junie Plummer 974-7085; Sara Hensley 974-6700; Jorge Morales 974-3345; Amanda Glasscock 974-7173.
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the parkland, and all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland has occurred.

The Watershed Protection Department is proposing to relocate approximately 250 linear feet of storm drain. The current easement is encroached upon by multiple trees and the existing pipe can no longer be accessed. The new conduit is 60-inches in diameter and will improve the existing storm drain system that outfalls into Lady Bird Lake (Colorado River). The relocated storm drain will be part of the South Shore Storm Drain Improvement Project and it will be located within Lot 1, Block A of the Townlake Plaza subdivision. This project will improve drainage for the area and it is related to a community facilities agreement between the City and the owner of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) property.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". The Watershed Protection Department is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are April 29, May 6 and 13, 2012.