

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	30405	Agenda Number	72.
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Meeting Date:	2/27/2014	Department:	Office of Real Estate Services
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution regarding approval of the permanent use of approximately 24,687 square feet of land and temporary working space use of approximately 21,156 square feet of land for construction, use, maintenance, repair, replacement, and extension of Pressler Street by 980 feet, including bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, right-of-way, and drainage for the Pressler Street Extension Project, through dedicated parkland known as Lamar Beach in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

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:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	February 25, 2014 - To be reviewed 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 this land.

The Austin Transportation Department is proposing the extension of Pressler Street by approximately 980 linear feet, including water quality and drainage improvements for the roadway extension and the park. The project provides pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular connectivity to adjacent neighborhoods, including Old West Austin neighborhood. The project benefits Lamar Beach Park and its patrons with improvements to the park's Reserve Road. Both Pressler Street Extension and Reserve Road improvements will include shared use paths and bicycle lanes. The alignment was selected to minimize the overall impact to the park.

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 Austin Transportation 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 February 2, 9, and 16, 2014.