



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1022, Agenda Item #: 59.

1/27/2022

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Burnet Road Corridor Project for the public use of constructing a shared-use path route and landscaping within the project area that will address congestion and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists; the fee simple acquisition of approximately 0.0275 of an acre of land (approximately 1,197 square feet) and a Temporary Construction Easement of approximately 0.0047 of an acre of land (approximately 206 square feet), being out of and a portion of the George W. Spear League, Survey No. 7, Abstract No. 697, being out of that portion of Block G designated as "Proposed Commercial Property", Burnet Heights Subdivision, a subdivision of record in Book 5, Page 39, Plat Records, City of Austin, Travis County, Texas in the amount of \$159,893. The owner of the needed property is Northwest Center, Ltd. The property is located at 5901-6113 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas 78757. The general route of the project is along Burnet Road between Koenig Lane to MoPac Expressway.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the FY 2020-21 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Prior Council Action:

September 3, 2020 - City Council approved an ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple or acquire other real property interest in properties throughout the City that are necessary to construct mobility improvements for the Corridor Construction Program in a total amount not to exceed \$23,000,000 establishing acquisition and relocation guidelines, and waiving requirements of City Code Chapter 14-3 (Relocation Benefits).

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Additional Backup Information:

This request is related to Corridor Construction Program improvements, which are funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond.

The general route of the project is along Burnet Road between Koenig Lane to MoPac Expressway. The project is expected to reduce vehicular delay, improve the effectiveness of transit, create continuous ADA-compliant sidewalks, and continuous bicycle facilities along the entire length of the project. The property to be acquired by virtue of this request will be utilized for Street Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement construction, a shared-use-path route and landscaping within the project area that will address congestion and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists. This roadway and shared-use-path is a critical component of the project.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed property at 5901-6113 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas 78757. The city and property owner have been 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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility, Safety.