



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-3229, Agenda Item #: 51.**

**12/1/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interest needed for the Slaughter Lane Corridor Project for the public use of reducing delay, improving the effectiveness of transit, and creating continuous American with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and either separate paths or a shared-use path which will enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists along the entire length of the project, the acquisition of a Sidewalk, Trail and Recreational Easement comprising approximately 0.0173 of an acre of land (approximately 755 square feet), being out of and a portion of the Theodore Bissell League, Survey Number 18, Abstract Number 3 in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, being a portion of the remainder of Lot 1, The Lane at Riddle Road, a subdivision recorded on January 8, 1980 in Book 79, Page 61 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$39,077 and subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award. The owner of the needed property is Skipper Beverage Company, LLC. The property is located at 3419 W Slaughter Ln., Austin, Texas 78748. The general route of the project is along Slaughter Lane between RM-1826 and Vertex Blvd.

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the 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).

### **For More Information:**

Michael Gates, Financial Services Department, (512) 974-5639; Cathy Curtis, Financial Services Department, (512) 974-5649; Mike Trimble, Corridor Program Office, (512) 974-3442; Natalie Leon, Corridor Program Office, (512) 974-3428; Anna Martin, Austin Transportation Department, (512) 974-7105.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This item is funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond.

The general route of the project is along Slaughter Lane between RM-1826 and Vertex Blvd. The project is expected to reduce vehicular delay, improve the effectiveness of transit, create continuous Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalks, and continuous bicycle facilities, either separate paths or a shared use path, address congestion and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists along the entire length of the project. The property to be acquired by virtue of this request will be utilized for construction of the items mentioned above. The acquisition of this parcel in Sidewalk Trail and Recreation Easement is a critical component of the

project.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed property at 3419 W. Slaughter Ln., Austin, TX 78748. 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, and to authorize the City to pay for the property interest in an amount determined by the appraisal, updated appraisal (s), or a Special Commissioners' award.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility, Safety.