



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3589, Agenda Item #: 77.

12/8/2022

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interest needed for the East Braker Lane Extension project for the public use of addressing congestion on East Parmer Lane by connecting the future Travis County-built East Braker Lane extension to Harris Branch. This roadway will also include the extension of Taebaek Drive and future Safe Routes to Schools improvements for Pioneer Crossing Elementary School requiring the acquisition of fee simple right-of-way being 0.312 acre tract of land, a drainage easement being 677 square feet tract of land, and a slope easement being 524 square feet of land, all out of L. Munos Survey Abstract No. 513 conveyed to Continental Homes of Texas, L.P. as recorded in Document No. 2016128108 of the Official Public Records of Travis County Texas, currently appraised at \$34,816 subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award. The owner of the needed property is Continental Homes of Texas L.P., a Texas limited partnership. The property is located at Samsung Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78754 (at Taebaek Drive). The general route of this project is an extension of East Braker Lane, ending near Dawes Place (East of Dessau Road) and continuing East to Samsung Boulevard.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

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Additional Backup Information:

This project is for the extension of East Braker Lane, from Dawes Place (east of Dessau Road) to Samsung Boulevard, as a 4-lane divided arterial with bicycle lanes and sidewalks, approximately 0.75 miles in length. This extension is included in the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2035 Regional Transportation Plan as a 4-lane arterial and is funded with City and State funds. This roadway will provide additional access to Samsung Austin Semiconductor, addressing congestion on East Parmer Lane, and will connect to the future East Braker Lane extension to Harris Branch. This roadway will also include the extension of Taebaek Drive and future Safe Routes to Schools improvements for Pioneer Crossing Elementary School.

This project is located within City limits and is oriented east west and will connect East Braker Lane at Dawes to Samsung Boulevard. The project includes roadway construction with 4-lane roadway with curb, shared-use-path and a center median and turn lane. The project also includes the installation of storm drains, including an underground drainage system with inlets and detention, and waterlines, including the installation of a 48-inch waterline and fire hydrants. The property acquisition for this request will be used for roadway construction, shared-use-path route, and landscaping within the project area to address congestion and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed property along Samsung Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78754 (at Taebaek Drive). 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 property interest in an amount determined by the appraisal, updated appraisal(s), or a Special Commissioner's award.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.