



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2602, **Agenda Item #:** 94.

9/14/2023

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interest needed for the Williamson Creek-Richmond Tributary Rehabilitation project for the public use of constructing drainage and creek improvements, requiring the acquisition of a Temporary Workspace Easement consisting of approximately 0.007 acre (305 square feet) out of the Isaac Decker League, Abstract No. 8, Travis County, Texas, being a portion of Lot 10, Block C, Greenwood Forest Sec. 2, a subdivision of record in Book 14, Page 32, Plat Records, Travis County, Texas, said Lot 10 conveyed to Lee Marie Robinson by general warranty deed with vendor's lien, as recorded in Document No. 2022038180, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$5,512 subject to an increase in the value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioners' award. The owner of the needed property is Lee Marie Robinson. The property is located at 4702 Richmond Avenue, Austin, Texas 78745. The general route of the project is between Richmond Avenue and Gillis Street from Redd Street South to Green Forest Drive in Travis County, Texas.

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Richmond Tributary of Williamson Creek is a public drainage way that conveys water behind homes on Richmond Avenue and Gillis Street from Redd Street south to Green Forest Drive. This property acquisition is needed for the Williamson Creek - Richmond Tributary Rehabilitation Project for the stabilization of the eroding drainage channel that currently threatens public wastewater facilities and private property. The purpose of this project will be to reduce flood risk and remove 1,000 feet of wastewater lines from the creek.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed property at 4702 Richmond Avenue, Austin, Texas 78745. 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.