



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3118, Agenda Item #: 34.

11/9/2023

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for the Williamson Creek Interceptor project for the public use of increasing the capacity of a wastewater tunnel to accommodate future growth in the Williamson Creek basin, requiring the acquisition of one access easement consisting of an approximately 0.783 acre tract of land (34,121 square feet) out of and a portion of Lot 1, Block B, DMC Subdivision recorded in Book 100, Page 68 of the Plat Records of Travis County having been conveyed to 500 Stassney LP by instrument of record Document No. 2015128704 in the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas. Said 0.783 acre (34,121 square feet) tract also being out of Lot 2, Block A, Stassney Venture Subdivision recorded in Book 98, Page 295 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, having been conveyed to 500 Stassney LP by instrument of record in Volume Document 2015128704 in the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$441,816 subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award. The owner of the needed property is 500 Stassney LP. The property is located at 500 East Stassney Lane, Austin, Texas 78745. The general route of the project is along Williamson Creek, from South 1st Street to South Pleasant Valley Road, with numerous tie-in cutovers throughout to connect local wastewater flows to the new tunnel.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

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Additional Backup Information:

This acquisition of an access easement is needed to support Austin Water's plan of installing a new gravity wastewater interceptor along Williamson Creek, from South 1st Street to South Pleasant Valley Road. The existing wastewater pipeline in Williamson Creek is reaching the end of its useful life and is projected to be nearing its capacity as growth continues in the area. Council should expect to see a future Recommendation for Council Action to award the construction contract for this project. This project is proposed to be funded in part by the Texas Water Development Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and by Capital Improvement plan dollars.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 500 East Stassney Lane, 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.