

# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3793, Agenda Item #: 67.

2/29/2024

# 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 exclusive wastewater line easement for subterranean tunnel consisting of a 0.13 acre (5,673 square feet) tract of land, one wastewater easement consisting of a 0.10 acre (4,200 square feet) tract of land, one access easement consisting of a 0.02 acre (988 square feet) tract of land, one temporary working space easement consisting of a 0.0844 acre (3,676 square feet) tract of land, 496 square feet, 242 square feet, 612 square feet, and 55 square feet out of the Santiago Del Valle Grant, Abstract No. 24, situated in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and being a portion of Lot 3 of Williamson Centre Subdivision, a subdivision of record in Volume 87, Page 12A of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, said Lot 3 identified as one of the tracts listed as Tract 2, being a portion of those tracts described in a general warranty deed granted to Stassney Crossing, LLC, found recorded as Document No. 2016057417 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$147,310, subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award. The owner of the needed property is Stassney Crossing, LLC. The property is located at 1807 East Stassney Lane, Austin, Texas 78744. The general route of the project is along Williamson Creek, from South 1st Street to South Pleasant Valley Road.

# Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

#### Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

### For More Information:

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# Additional Backup Information:

This acquisition of a wastewater line easement and temporary workspace easement is needed to support an Austin Water gravity wastewater interceptor installation project along and near 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. 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. Council should expect to see a construction contract item for this project in the future.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 1807 East Stassney Lane, Austin, Texas 78744. The City and the 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

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(s), or a Special Commissioners' award.