



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 24-3833, Agenda Item #: 68.**

2/29/2024

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### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for the Travis Country Fire Station Project for the public use of improving Austin Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services response times, requiring the acquisition of a 0.214 acres (9,323 square feet) access easement, being out of and a portion of Lot 2, Block A, Oak Hill Technology Park Subdivision, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Document No. 200000208, Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$10,894 subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award. The owner of the needed property is AAW Oak Hill, Ltd. The property is located at 5408 West US Highway 290, Austin, Texas 78735. The project route is limited to this single location.

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

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

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This acquisition is needed in support of the Travis Country Fire Station Project. The access easement will help provide reduced response times for the Austin Fire Department (AFD) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) by allowing AFD and EMS personnel to travel to the Travis Country subdivision via an existing driveway that directly connects the Travis Country Fire Station to Southwest Parkway.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 5408 West United States Highway 290, Austin, Texas 78735. 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.