



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3794, **Agenda Item #:** 42.

4/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an encroachment agreement with the State of Texas for the permanent subsurface encroachment of approximately 0.022 acre (960 square feet) of public right-of-way, for an underground service corridor, together with chilled water lines and conduits, crossing the Colorado Street right-of-way between 15th and 16th Streets.

Lead Department

Transportation and Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information :

The State of Texas requests to permanently encroach into the subsurface of approximately 0.0220 acre (960 square feet) of public right-of-way for an underground service corridor, together with chilled water lines and conduits, crossing the Colorado Street right-of-way between 15th Street and 16th Street. A new commercial development is currently under construction at 1509 Colorado Street, and the underground service corridor will connect the development with the neighboring block. The development and this encroachment are part of the State of Texas Capitol Complex project.

All affected departments and private utility franchise holders have reviewed this request and recommend approval. Per Chapter 14-11-51(D) of the City Code, the Director of Transportation and Public Works determined no additional reviews are necessary for the proposed Encroachment Agreement. Thus, this encroachment request is ready for presentation directly to the City Council for consideration, without prior review by the appropriate Land Use Commission.

The total appraised value for the encroachments is \$55,094. The State of Texas will submit the amount of the appraised value to the Transportation and Public Works Department for processing upon approval of this encroachment request. In addition, the State of Texas reimbursed the City \$9,000 for the cost of engaging the appraiser, and \$105.60 for the cost of the public notice requirement. All public notices are sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to registered neighborhood organizations, whose boundaries are within all or a portion of the proposed encroachment areas. No objections received to date.