



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-2069, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

10/9/2025

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an encroachment agreement with the Board of Regents of the University of Texas for a permanent encroachment of approximately 597 square feet of public right-of-way commonly known as Whitis Avenue, and adjacent to 2608-1/2 Whitis Avenue, Austin, Texas, for underground thermal, telecommunication, and fire protection utilities. Funding: All costs, including the appraised value of the encroachment, appraisal fees, and public notice expenses, have been paid by the applicant and reimbursed to the City.

Lead Department

Austin Transportation and Public Works.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact. All costs, including the appraised value of the encroachment, appraisal fees, and public notice expenses, have been paid by the applicant and reimbursed to the City.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Board of Regents of the University of Texas is requesting the Right-of-Way (ROW) Encroachment Agreement for the use and benefit of the University of Texas to permanently encroach within the Whitis Avenue ROW, for areas containing approximately 597 square feet. The encroachment areas are to install underground thermal, telecommunication, and fire protection utilities. The existing surface improvements disturbed by underground utilities will be re-installed to match existing conditions.

All affected departments and private utility franchise holders reviewed this request and recommend approval. Per Chapter 14-11-51(D) of the City Code, the Director determined that additional review of the encroachment is not necessary, by a memorandum dated June 17, 2025. Thus, this encroachment request is presented directly to the City Council for consideration, without prior review by the appropriate Land Use Commission.

The total appraised value for the encroachment is \$18,028. The Board of Regents of the University of Texas, for the use and benefit of University of Texas, paid the amount of the appraised value to Austin Transportation and Public Works. In addition, the applicant reimbursed the city \$9,950 for engaging the appraiser and \$125.84 for public notices, respectively. 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 area. No objections received to date.