



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 25-0783, **Agenda Item #:** 115.

4/24/2025

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for the Interstate Highway 35 Central Water/Wastewater Relocation Project for the public use of water improvements, requiring the acquisition of a water line easement consisting of 0.124 (5,419 square feet) of one acre of land, more or less, and a temporary workspace easement consisting 0.0263 (1,146 square feet) of one acre of land, out of and a part of the Santiago Del Valle Survey, Abstract No. 24, in Travis County Texas, being a portion of Lot 1, Lela Parkinson Subdivision of record in Volume 17, Page 34 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; said Lot 1, conveyed to Paul Cameron, Trustee of the Schuler Family Trust of 1998, by deed filed for record on March 21, 2002, recorded in Document No. 2002055238 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$197,571 subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals, a Special Commissioner's award, negotiated settlement, or judgment. The owner of the needed property is Paul Cameron, Trustee of the Schuler Family Trust of 1998. The property is located at 1317 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78741. The general route of the project is Interstate Highway 35 Frontage Road from Holly Street to Texas State Highway 71/Ben White Boulevard. Funding: \$197,571 is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Water Department.

### **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:**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Interstate 35 (I-35) Capital Express Central Roadway Project requires relocation of approximately 24,100 linear feet of water lines and 10,700 linear feet of wastewater lines and appurtenances out of the expanded TxDOT right-of-way along I-35 from Holly Street to State Highway 71/Ben White Boulevard. The general route of the project is Interstate Highway 35 frontage road from Holly Street to Texas State Highway 71/Ben White Boulevard.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 1317 East Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78741. 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, negotiated settlement, or judgment