



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3092, **Agenda Item #:** 26.

11/2/2023

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for the Upper Harris Branch Wastewater Interceptor - Phase 1 Project for the public use of installing wastewater infrastructure requiring the acquisition of one wastewater easement consisting of approximately 2.551 acres (111,098 square feet) and one temporary working space easement consisting of approximately 1.086 acres (47,323 square feet), out of the Mariquita Castro Survey, Abstract Number 160, Section 50, Travis County, Texas, being a portion of the remainder of a called 78.516-acre tract, described to Eton Meadows, LP recorded in Document No. 2003006187 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$270,580, subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award. The owner of the needed property is Eton Meadows, LP. The property is located at 00 Parmer Lane, Austin, Texas 78653. The general route of the project is the Upper Harris Branch wastewater basin from Dessau Road to Harris Branch Parkway.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

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Additional Backup Information:

This acquisition and temporary workspace easement is needed to support Austin Water's installation of a gravity wastewater interceptor for the Dessau Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Lower Harris Branch Interceptor. Rapid development in this region is increasing the wastewater service demand in the basin. Timely construction of the entire interceptor is required for Dessau WWTP to stay within its permitted limits, and it is a crucial portion of the overall wastewater service strategy in the northeast service area.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 00 Parmer Lane, Austin, Texas 78753. 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.