



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-5574, **Agenda Item #:** 66.

9/12/2024

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for the Williamson Creek Interceptor Project for the public use of increasing the capacity of a wastewater tunnel to accommodate future growth in the Williamson Creek basin and to mitigate impacts to parkland, requiring the acquisition of a fee simple tract consisting of a 2.050 acre (89,294 square foot) and an exclusive wastewater line easement for a subterranean tunnel of . 0.015 acres (671 square feet), being out of and a portion of Lot 3, Von Ach Park Subdivision, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, recorded in volume 86, page 188D of Plat Records, Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$246,503 subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award. The owner of the needed property is 4930 SOCO LLC, a Texas limited liability company. The property is located at 4930 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78745. The general route of the project is along Williamson Creek, from South 1st Street to South Pleasant Valley Road.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

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Additional Backup Information:

The acquisition is needed to support the installation of a new gravity wastewater interceptor along and near Williamson Creek from South 1st Street to South Pleasant Valley Road. The existing wastewater pipeline in Williamson Creek is reaching the end of its useful life and its capacity as growth continues in the area. This project is proposed to be funded in part by the Texas Water Development Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and by Capital Improvement plan dollars.

This project will install over 19,800 linear feet (3.75 miles) of wastewater interceptor and 22 connection locations to divert localized wastewater flows to the new interceptor. This project also includes proper abandonment and removal of most of the existing interceptors and environmental restoration of any affected project areas. Upon the completion of the project, Austin Water will transfer custodianship of the property to the Parks and Recreation Department subject to easements to accommodate the newly installed wastewater infrastructure. The Parks and Recreation Department custodianship of the property will connect a gap in the Williamson Creek greenbelt.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 4930 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78745. 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.