



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-2171, **Agenda Item #:** 62.

10/23/2025

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for the Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase Three Project for the public use of connecting the Northern Walnut Creek Trail to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail, requiring the acquisition of two sidewalk, trail, and recreational easements (STARE) consisting of 1.0674 acres (approximately 46,496 square feet), and 0.1406 acre (approximately 6,126 square feet) of sidewalk, trail, and recreational easements, more or less, both being out of the Lucas Munos Survey Number 55, Abstract Number 513 and the Howell T. Davis Survey Number 30, Abstract Number 214, Travis County, Texas, being a portion of a called 24.07 acre tract described in a deed to Hidden Creek Owner, LP recorded in Document Number 2020253226, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, said 1.0674 acres and 0.1406 acre tracts being more particularly described by metes and bounds, both currently appraised at \$217,855 combined, 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 Hidden Creek Owner, LP. The property is located at 9345 East United States Highway 290, Austin, Texas 78724. The general route of the project is under East United States Highway 290, between Springdale Road and Johnny Morris Road. Funding: \$217,855 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Transportation and Public Works.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Transportation and Public Works.

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Additional Backup Information:

This property is needed to connect the Northern Walnut Creek Trail at Interstate 35 (I-35) to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail. The approximately eight-mile segment will be developed in three phases. The Northern Walnut Creek Trail Section 3A phase includes two different segments to be constructed at a similar time. The Copperfield Connector Trail to the north will extend to I-35 and the Southern Walnut Creek Trail to the south will extend to the shared use path on East United States Highway 290.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 9345 East United States Highway 290, Austin, Texas 78724. 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), Special Commissioners' award, negotiated settlement, or judgment.