

AGENDA



Thursday, May 3, 2007

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Approve an ordinance dedicating an easement to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System for communication and electric lines along Whitis Avenue between West 20th and West 21st Streets and along West 21st Street from Whitis Avenue, approximately 360 feet east, serving the University of Texas Executive Education and Conference Center.

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The University of Texas at Austin (UT) is constructing its Executive Education and Conference Center at the intersection of Lavaca Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard and will provide electrical power and communication services to the Conference Center through its own internal public infrastructure network. This closed loop system will only provide service to the Conference Center and/or other UT property. The electric and communication lines will be placed in a duct bank to be located in the right of way of portions of Whitis Avenue and West 21st Street.

Because of the permanent nature of the contemplated facilities, UT has requested an easement be provided for the electric and communication lines. The City will grant the easement while retaining the right of the City to control its right-of-way and provide for the resolution of any conflicts with the use of the right-of-way. The proposed UT electric and communication line project has gone through Austin Utility Location and Coordination Committee. The UT Project will be constructed subject to the applicable portions of the City Code which would include permitting.