

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

3/22/12
Austin Water Utility

SUBJECT. Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Martin Hill Transmission Main Project for 182,602 square feet total for two 50-foot wide, permanent waterline easements; 92,818 square feet total for permanent waterline easements; 180,447 square feet total for two 50-foot wide, temporary working space easements; 3,600 square feet total for temporary staging and material storage site easements; and 67,878 square feet total for temporary working space, staging area, and material storage site easements; all being out of the William Hornsby Survey Number 22, Abstract Number 344, situated in Travis County, Texas in the amount of \$431,092. The owner of the needed property interests is AUSTIN WHITE LIME COMPANY, A TEXAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. The property is located north along the frontage road, off Howard Lane, in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Austin Water Utility
Project Name:	Martin Hill TM
Fund/Department/Unit:	3960 2207 7244
Funding Source:	Commercial Paper
Current Appropriation:	10,500,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	8,185,524.36
Amount of This Action:	(431,092.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>7,754,432.36</u>
Total Amount of this Action	<u><u>431,092.00</u></u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Martin Hill Transmission Main Project requires the acquisition of 50-foot wide, permanent waterline easements, permanent waterline easements, 50-foot wide, temporary working space easements, temporary staging and material storage site easements, and temporary working space, staging area and material storage site easements all at the property located north along the frontage road, off Howard Lane, in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The Martin Hill Transmission Main Project will provide water for the northwest and north quadrants of the City of Austin. It is a part of the City of Austin's Strategic Water Facility Plan and will provide additional transmission capacity from the Martin Hill Reservoir. The proposed 54-inch main will extend from Parmer Lane to the Martin Hill Reservoir. Approximately two thirds of the project follows the McNeil Road/Howard Lane alignment until it veers north to terminate at the reservoir site. Easements are needed for the portion of the project east of the McNeil Road Cut-off to the Martin Hill Reservoir site.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed easements. The City and the property owner were 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 of Austin.