

## 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 92,292 square feet for a permanent waterline easement and 119,187 square feet for a temporary working space, staging area, and material storage site easement; both being out of the William Hornsby Survey No. 22, Abstract No. 344, in Travis County, Texas in the amount of \$94,288. The owner of the needed property interests is ROBINSON RANCH, A TEXAS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The property is located just west off McNeil-Merriltown Road, in Austin, Travis County, Texas. .

**CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Austin Water Utility</b>
Project Name:	Martin Hill TM
Fund/Department/Unit:	3960 2207 7244
Funding Source:	Commercial Paper

Current Appropriation:	10,500,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	7,754,432.36
Amount of This Action:	(94,288.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>7,660,144.36</u>

Total Amount of this Action	<u><u>94,288.00</u></u>
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**ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The Martin Hill Transmission Main Project requires the acquisition of a permanent waterline easement and a temporary working space, staging area, and material storage site easement at the property located just west off McNeil-Merriltown Road, 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.