Thursday, February 4, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 9

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Waller Creek Tunnel Project to acquire an 11,285 square foot exclusive drainage easement and a 16,461 square foot temporary working space easement, in the amount of \$226,408. The owner of the needed property interest is STENGER REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LTD. The property is located at 0 East Avenue.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Completion of the Waller Creek Tunnel Project requires the acquisition of an exclusive drainage easement and a temporary working space easement across land located at 0 East Ave.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the easements from the landowner; however, the parties have been unable to agree on the damages. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file a lawsuit in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.