



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-1716, **Agenda Item #:** 34.

4/9/2020

### Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Spicewood Springs Road Mobility Improvements Project for the right-of-way acquisition of approximately 0.0181 of an acre of land (approx. 789 square feet), being out of and a portion of the James M. Mitchell Survey No. 17, Abstract No. 521, in Travis County, Texas, same being a portion of that certain tract described in Document No. 2000017269 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas and conveyed to Laszlo Herczeg in a General Warranty Deed dated November 21, 2008, recorded in Document No. 2008169731 of the said Official Public Records in the amount of \$2,904, for the public use of a mobility improvements project to address congestion and enhance mobility and safety for the public. The owner of the needed property is Laszlo Herczeg. The property is located entirely within District 10, at 5003 Spicewood Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78759. The general route of the project is located within the Austin city limits and is oriented east-west as Spicewood Springs connects with Loop 360 and Loop 1. The project area limits are approximately 4,000 feet of Spicewood Springs Road from Loop 360 to Mesa Drive, in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

### Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,904 is available in the FY2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

### For More Information:

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### Additional Backup Information:

In March 2015, Austin City Council's Mobility Committee announced the Transportation Congestion Action Plan, which identified Spicewood Springs Road from Loop 1 to Loop 360 has a key citywide mobility corridor. The City of Austin's current Transportation Plan and the 2025 Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan recommend upgrading Spicewood Springs Road from Mesa Drive to Loop 360 to address congestion and enhance safety. In November 2016, Spicewood Springs Road was included in the Regional Mobility Bond that was approved by Austin voters and the project was allocated \$17 million for design and construction improvements to Spicewood Springs Road.

The project area is located within the Austin City limits and is oriented east-west as it connects with Loop 360 and Loop 1 that generally run north-south. The project area limits are approximately 4,000 feet of Spicewood Springs Road from Loop 360 to Mesa Drive. The project includes roadway improvements involving the pavement reconstruction and widening of Spicewood Springs Road from an existing two-lane roadway and occasional sidewalks and limited left turn lane to a four-lane roadway with curb, shared-use-path and a center

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median and turn lane; storm drain improvements involving several underground drainage systems with inlets, detention and water quality features; waterline improvements involving the installation of a 48-inch waterline, 30-inch waterline, 16-inch waterline, 12-inch waterline and installing a pressure reducing valve; sanitary sewer improvements involving the rehabilitation of the existing 18-inch wastewater line. The property acquisition for this request will be utilized for roadway construction, shared-use-path route and landscaping within the project area that will address congestion and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists. This roadway and shared-use-path is a critical component of the project.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed property at 5003 Spicewood Springs Road. The City and the 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 of Austin.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility.