



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-2247, **Agenda Item #:** 59.

6/11/2020

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of a permanent drainage easement of approximately 0.014 of an acre (approximately 600 square feet) of land situated in the Isaac Decker League Survey No. 20, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, being out of a 7,226 square feet tract and out of Lot 31, Del Crest Addition, of record in Volume 4, Page 68, plat records of Travis County Texas, said 7,226 square feet tract being described in a correction instrument as to a recorded original instrument to Harrison David Sonntag and Danielle Margaret Colette Jackson, recorded in Document Number 2014108289, official public records of Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$12,900, for the public use of a storm drain infrastructure project to reduce flood risk. The owners of the needed property are Harrison David Sonntag and Danielle Margaret Colette Jackson. The property is located entirely within District 5, at 2215 Iva Lane, Austin, Texas 78704. The general route of the project is in south central Austin in the South Lamar neighborhood and its area is bounded by Bluebonnet Lane, Del Curto Road, Delcrest Drive, Kinney Road and Thornton Road with offshoots along Southland Drive and Iva Lane.

### **Lead Department**

Office of Real Estate Services.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$12,900 is available in the FY2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Watershed Protection Department (WPD) has identified flood risks due to inadequate storm drain infrastructure in parts of the West Bouldin Creek Watershed that fall within or near the South Lamar Neighborhood. WPD is proposing a storm drain infrastructure project to reduce the risk of flooding to buildings and roadways.

The project is bounded by Bluebonnet Lane, Del Curto Road, Delcrest Drive, Kinney Road and Thornton Road with offshoots along Southland Drive and Iva Lane. The project will include the installation of storm drain pipes, inlets, and curb and gutter. The subdivisions within the project area were constructed in the 1950s and have limited storm drain infrastructure. This project requires acquisition of multiple drainage, temporary, slope, and utility easements. The easements that are part of this request represent only a portion of the required easements for the project.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed property at 2215 Iva Lane. The City and the property owners 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):**

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