



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1290, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

4/22/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a community facilities agreement with Grey Forest Development, L.L.C., for Grey Forest's cost participation in an amount of up to \$720,000, for public storm drain improvements to be constructed by the City along North Lamar Boulevard between 51st Street and North Loop Boulevard.

Lead Department

Watershed Protection Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

The developer of the property at 5210 North Lamar permitted site plan SP-2016-0213C(R1) included new storm drain pipe to convey stormwater from the development site to an existing storm drain system located near 5106 N Lamar Blvd. During construction the developer's contractor discovered that existing subsurface City of Austin water pipes were horizontally and vertically located differently than assumed during design. This information requires that the permitted design be modified in order to install a stormdrain system that complies with the Drainage Criteria Manual.

Initially WPD considered a partnership with the developer to relocate 2 large diameter water pipes in conflict with the proposed storm drain infrastructure. However recent information provided by the Project Connect project team indicates that the two water lines in conflict with the proposed storm drain pipe referenced above will require relocation in the future to accommodate the rail system. It was determined that relocating the large diameter water pipes is not the best option at this time since the future horizontal and vertical assignments for the large diameter water pipes will be established by the Project Connect project team in the future.

As such, it would be best to collect funds from the developer for the cost of future storm drain pipes from the property located at 5210 North Lamar SP-2016-0213C(R1) via a community facilities agreement with the City of Austin such that the improvements to the storm drain storm drain infrastructure may be completed as part of the City's participation with Project Connect project.

The improvements will increase stormwater conveyance along the N Lamar Corridor and the Project Connect alignment. The anticipated improvements to be included in the project are a 24-inch reinforced concrete pipe for a new main line within North Lamar Boulevard and replacing an existing 30-inch by 9-inch storm drainpipe. The hard and soft and costs (total project cost) of installing 600-feet of 24-inch reinforced concrete pipe is estimated to be no greater than \$720,000 and the WPD is requesting permission to accept funding up to that dollar amount from Grey Forest Development LLC.

Such public-private partnerships are an opportunity to leverage City of Austin dollars to replace undersized and condition impaired storm drain infrastructure.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Health & Environment; Government that Works for All.