



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2106, **Agenda Item #:** 47.

6/10/2021

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Crosstown Tunnel Centralized Odor Control Facility Project for the public use of an odor control facility to reduce order and corrosion, the acquisition of one Fee Simple tract being approximately 2.9219 acres of land, and one Drainage and Access Easement being approximately 9,463 square feet of land, both being out of the James Burleson Survey No. 19, Abstract No. 4, Travis County, Texas, and out of a certain 143.144 acre tract of land, conveyed to Karlin Tracor Lane, LLC, a Delaware Corporation, per Special Warranty Deed 2020139775, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$2,186,295. The owner of the needed property is Karlin Tracor Lane, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. The property is located within District 1, at 6801 FM 969, Austin, Texas 78724. The general route of the Crosstown Tunnel Centralized Odor Control Facility is approximately 0.5 miles due East of the US 183 and FM 969 highway intersection. The facility is proposed to be located on the South side of FM 969.

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,186,295 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Crosstown Tunnel Centralized Odor Control Facility project will address historic odor complaints and reduce corrosion along the length of the Crosstown Tunnel. The Crosstown Tunnel is one of the major tunnels in the City of Austin wastewater collection system. The tunnel conveys wastewater that is collected across the City of Austin north of the Colorado River to the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Wastewater tunnels can become pressurized in areas of high turbulence and where there are restrictions that keep the air from flowing with the wastewater downstream. When pressurization occurs, air can be released from openings in the system, like manholes and vents. The proposed Odor Control Facility will help keep the tunnel under negative pressure by pulling air from the tunnel and treating it, thereby addressing the odor concerns from the community. The odorous air extracted from the tunnel will be treated with a natural biological technology before being discharged into the environment.

Future items will be brought to Council to award the contract to construct this facility.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed property at 6801 FM 969, Austin, Texas 78724. Negotiations have come to an impasse. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.