



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-2109, **Agenda Item #:** 50.

6/10/2021

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the South Lamar Boulevard Mobility Program's South Lamar Boulevard Corridor Project for the public use of providing connectivity between many local attractions, homes, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes, the acquisition of a Sidewalk, Trail, and Recreational Easement consisting of approximately 0.0131 of one acre (569 square foot) parcel, out of the Isaac Decker League No. 20, Abstract No. 8, and the Henry P. Hill League No. 21, Abstract No. 14, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, being out of that tract described as 0.585 of one acre conveyed to Newmiller-Craig Revocable Living Trust by Deed, executed February 7, 2021, as record in Document No. 2011020104, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$140,741.00. The owner of the needed property is Nancy Newmiller and Nora Craig, Trustees, Newmiller-Craig Revocable Living Trust, dated December 13, 2010. The property is located within District 5, at 2401 S Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78704. The general route of the project is along South Lamar Boulevard between Riverside Drive to US 290, in Travis County, Texas.

### **Lead Department**

Office of Real Estate Services.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

### **Prior Council Action:**

September 3, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200903-005 authorizing the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple or acquire other real property interest in properties throughout the City that are necessary to construct mobility improvements for the Corridor Construction Program in a total amount not to exceed \$23,000,000 establishing acquisition and relocation guidelines, and waiving requirements of City Code Chapter 14-3 (Relocation Benefits) on a vote of 11-0.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This request is related to Corridor Construction Program improvements, which are funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond.

The general route of the project is along South Lamar Boulevard between Riverside Drive to US 290. The project is expected to reduce vehicular delay, improve the effectiveness of transit, create continuous ADA-compliant sidewalks, and continuous bicycle facilities along the entire length of the project. The property acquisition for this request will be utilized for a shared-use-path route and landscaping within the project area

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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 2401 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78704. The city and 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.