



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2388, **Agenda Item #:** 121.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the South Lamar Corridor Project for the public use of acquiring street right of way (fee simple) for the construction of a shared-use-path route and landscaping within the project area that will address congestion and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists, the acquisition of one Fee Simple tract being approximately 0.0168 of one acre (733 sq. ft.) a parcel, out of the Isaac Decker League No. 20, Abstract No. 8, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, being out of Lot B, McKean Addition, a Subdivision of Record in book 81, page 262, plat records, Travis County, Texas, said lot B conveyed to Brent Adams by deed, executed January 5, 1989, as recorded in Volume 10856, Page 2253, Real Property Records, Travis County, Texas in the amount of \$356,655 (appraisal amount). The owners of the needed property are Brent Adams and Monica Adams. The property is located at 2320 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX, 78704. The general route of the project is along South Lamar Boulevard between Riverside Drive to US 290.

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Prior Council Action:

September 3, 2020 - City Council approved an ordinance 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).

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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 to be acquired by virtue of this request will be utilized for street right of way (fee simple) construction, a 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 2320 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX, 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, Safety.