



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date:

20EL02/APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS STREET AND TRAFFIC CONTROL AND DRAINAGE DDSRF

Agenda Item#:

Summary:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,000,000.00 OUT OF THE STREET AND TRAFFIC CONTROL AND STORM DRAINAGE DDSRF; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND ACQUISITIONS AND OTHER INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY AND PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF SUCH PURCHASES AND/OR CONDEMNATIONS, WITH ASSOCIATED COSTS FOR APPRAISAL FEES, TITLE POLICIES AND SERVICES, EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVING IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY, RELOCATION EXPENSES, RECORDING FEES AND OTHER SERVICES, IN CONNECTION WITH NEGOTIATIONS TO SETTLE PURCHASES, COURT COSTS AND EXPERT WITNESS FEES FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES FINANCED BY THE STREET AND TRAFFIC CONTROL AND STORM DRAINAGE DDSRF; MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Background:

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance appropriating funds, and approving and authorizing payments for land acquisition costs, appraisal fees, title services, relocation expenses and/or other services for various street and storm drainage projects in connection with the construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund.

WBS N-320663-00RE-2

RECOMMENDATION: (Summary) Approve an ordinance appropriating funds, and approving and authorizing payments for land acquisition costs, appraisal fees, title services, relocation expenses and/or other services for various street and storm drainage projects in connection with the construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Department of Public Works and Engineering (PWE) utilizes an appropriation allocation to expedite the real estate acquisition process associated with the construction of street and drainage projects in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). PWE periodically brings an action before City Council adding appropriations to this allocation. These funds are available for land acquisition costs, appraisal fees, title services, relocation expenses and/or other services necessary to implement construction for drainage and non-drainage projects. These construction projects include, but are not limited to, those described in Exhibit "A" attached.

PWE has instituted a process to ensure that real estate acquisitions are paid for from the appropriate funding source within the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund. While most of the routine expenses are paid against this allocation with no additional action required, payments for the acquisition of parcels with a consideration of \$50,000.00 or greater (purchases as they are negotiated or condemnation awards to be deposited) require further Council action and approval. The same appropriation ordinance will apply to all acquisitions made using these funds.

A separate blanket ordinance authorizing condemnation of parcels that cannot be negotiated as purchases may also be submitted for Council approval for each project as needed at a later time. This action is required for compliance with Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code.

Therefore, it is recommended that a blanket appropriation ordinance be passed appropriating \$3,000,000.00 for various street and storm drainage projects, finding a public necessity for the projects and approving and authorizing payments for land acquisition costs, appraisal fees, title policy premiums, relocation expenses, and/or other services in connection with negotiations to settle purchases, recording fees, and court costs and expert witness fees associated with condemnations for the projects and other services for various street and storm drainage projects in connection with the construction of facilities financed by the Street and Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund. This action will add \$3 million to the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF Fund 4042 real estate allocation for use in related projects in the CIP. Additional appropriations will be made as needed until all parcels have been acquired. This action will expedite the process of acquiring land in support of the capital improvements projects.

Estimated Fiscal Operating Impact

Project WBS #	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY17-FY21 Total
N-320663-00RE-2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

No significant Fiscal Operating impact is anticipated as a result of this action.



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Amount of Funding:

\$ 3,000,000.00 Fund 4042- Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Maps
Form A
Exhibit A
Fiscal Note and Fund Reservation
Ord. & Ex.

Type

Backup Material
Financial Information
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Financial Information
Ordinance/Resolution/Motion