



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

District K

Item Creation Date: 10/10/2016

20KEM10/BUFFALO SPEEDWAY GRADE SEPARATION (SOUTH HOLMES TO WILLOWBEND)

Agenda Item#:

Background:

SUBJECT: Recommendation that an ordinance for the BUFFALO SPEEDWAY GRADE SEPARATION (SOUTH HOLMES TO WILLOWBEND) be passed approving and authorizing the acquisition of parcels by dedication, purchase, or condemnation.
WBS N-000784-0002-2

RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)

An ordinance for the BUFFALO SPEEDWAY GRADE SEPARATION (SOUTH HOLMES TO WILLOWBEND) be passed approving and authorizing the acquisition of parcels by dedication, purchase, or condemnation.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Department of Public Works and Engineering is requesting that an ordinance for the BUFFALO SPEEDWAY GRADE SEPARATION (SOUTH HOLMES TO WILLOWBEND) be passed approving and authorizing the acquisition of parcels by dedication, purchase, or condemnation.

The scope of the project is to construct the Buffalo Speedway overpass railroad grade separation at Holmes Road and Union Pacific Railroad, with a connection to Holmes Road.

This action authorizes payment for costs of land purchases/condemnations, relocation assistance expenses, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees and other acquisition costs in connection with negotiations to settle purchases; finds a public necessity for the project; and approves and authorizes the condemnation of the land and improvements thereon. If negotiations to acquire the property cannot be concluded as a dedication or purchase or for any reason for which acquisition by condemnation is warranted, this action authorizes the City Attorney to file or cause Eminent Domain proceedings to be filed and acquire land, rights-of-way and/or easements for said purposes and authorizes payment for the Award of Special Commissioners and court costs associated with condemnation proceedings. Parcels with a consideration that exceeds the spending authority threshold set by State law will be submitted to City Council as they are finalized. This will expedite the process of acquiring land, rights-of-way and/or easements in support of the BUFFALO SPEEDWAY GRADE SEPARATION (SOUTH HOLMES TO WILLOWBEND).

Prior Council Action:

Ordinance 2015-155, passed February 18, 2015

Amount of Funding:

No funding required.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

LOCATION MAP
SURVEY-METES AND BOUNDS
PRIOR ORDINANCE 2015-155

Type

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