



**CAPITAL
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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Melissa Reynolds, P.E., MPA, CFM, City Engineer

Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Milam Street Project
Acquisition Authorizations

Date: March 15, 2022

Staff has identified the properties that will be affected by the Milam Street Project, specifically on N Milam Street between College Street to E Weinert Street. A total of six properties have been identified in which a portion of their property will need to be purchased for the project (right-of-way acquisition). The acquisition purchases will provide the contractor the area needed to perform the necessary improvements.

Additionally, the City will need to acquire pedestrian easements on 13 properties.

Staff would like to initiate negotiations with the landowners of which acquisition is needed. Therefore, in an effort to proceed with the timeline set out for the projects, Staff recommends the City Manager be authorized to purchase property or acquire easements on behalf of the City from \$200 up to the amount of \$40,000, per parcel (depending on appraisals and square footage needed) for both projects as described above. Land acquisition over this amount will be brought before City Council.

Funding for the Milam Street Project will come from the 2018 Certificate of Obligation Bonds. Staff will be available to answer any questions at the March 15, 2022 City Council meeting.