



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2023

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AGENDA ITEM: Highway 610 Extension Project No. 19-24: Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings
Resolution No. 23-020

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Council established the Highway 610 Extension Project – City Project No. 19-24 and ordered the preparation of final plans and specifications.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution 23-020 authorizing condemnation proceedings for acquisition of perpetual street right-of-way easements, perpetual drainage and utility easements, and temporary construction easements across property needed for the Highway 610 Extension Project – City Project No. 19-24.

COMMENTS:

The Highway 610 Extension Project – City Project No. 19-24 is in the final stages of design, the environmental document is under review by MnDOT and FHWA, the remaining funding gaps have been closed, and final approvals / authorizations to bid are expected in the Spring 2023 which will lead to construction beginning in late 2023.

In order to ensure that the required perpetual street right-of-way easements, perpetual drainage and utility easements, and temporary construction easement acquisition is complete for the current construction schedule, the staff recommends the initiation of condemnation proceedings at this time. Staff will work with the property owners to avoid condemnation if at all possible, but starting the process now will ensure timely acquisition for the project. Offers have been sent to all impacted property owners and negotiations are in progress. A figure showing the impacted parcels is attached.

It is recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 23-020 authorizing condemnation proceedings for acquisition of perpetual street right-of-way easements, perpetual drainage and utility easements, and temporary construction easements across property needed for the Highway 610 Extension Project – City Project No. 19-24.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution No. 23-020
Attachment B: Parcels Impacted by Condemnation Process