



**Acquisition of right of way, permanent construction easement for  
maintenance of slopes, and driveway easement  
to Richmond County, Georgia from Lawrence Cooper and Ernestine L. Cooper**

Meeting Date: March 31, 2026

ENGINEERING SERVICES

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<b>Department:</b>	LAW	
<b>Presenter:</b>	James T. Plunkett, Interim General Counsel	
<b>Caption:</b>	Motion to authorize condemnation to acquire a portion of property for right of way, permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes, and driveway easement (Parcel 195-0-001-01-0) 2283 Willis Foreman Road (Willis Foreman Road Widening Project – Project Parcel 214).	
<b>Background:</b>	Despite repeated efforts, the City has been unable to reach an agreement with the property owners and therefore seeks to acquire title through condemnation. In order to proceed and avoid further project delays, it is necessary to condemn a portion of subject property. The required property consists of 315.03 square feet of right of way, 8,479.57 square feet of permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes, and 713.53 square feet of driveway easement. The appraised value is \$21,350.00.	
<b>Analysis:</b>	Condemnation is necessary in order to acquire the required property.	
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	The necessary costs will be covered under the project budget.	
<b>Alternatives:</b>	Deny condemnation.	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approve condemnation.	
<b>Funds are available in the following accounts:</b>	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR:	FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: G/L 340041110-54.414110 J/L TP1809005-54.414110
<b><u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u></b>	N/A	