



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING SHEET

Council Date: June 25, 2024	Department:	Presented By:
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AGENDA ITEM: Discussion and Action to begin eminent domain proceedings for the King's Gate Road Bridge Replacement Project.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Willow Park owns a bridge located at King's Gate Road over Clear Fork Trinity River, and this bridge is included in the currently approved off-state system federal-aid Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program.

It is necessary for the City of Willow Park and the Texas Department of Transportation to replace the King's Gate Road bridge which requires the purchase of property.

The city has notified the property owners of its intent to acquire the property owners' property for right-of-way purposes. The city provided a written final offer, made 30+ days after delivery of the initial offer, based on a written appraisal from a certified appraiser. Final offer letters were mailed on May 3rd, 2024. Property owners were given at least fourteen (14) days to respond to the final offer.

Negotiations to purchase the properties have not been successful to date. Final offers were not accepted within the given timeframe. Therefore, offers are considered as having been rejected. If the city cannot obtain a conveyance by negotiation, it will initiate eminent domain proceedings.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to begin eminent domain proceedings for the King's Gate Road Bridge Replacement Project.

EXHIBIT:

Legal Description and Survey of the Property