



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: December 16, 2014

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Sponsoring Court Members: County Judge Samuel T. Bisbee

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Encroachment Agreement between Travis County and the City of Austin for the Ronald Earle Building located at 416 W. 11th Street.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

This Encroachment Agreement is required by the City of Austin for the Site Development Permit for the proposed construction of the Ronald Earle Building. By means of this Encroachment Agreement, the City grants the County permission to encroach upon the City's Right-of-Way in 11th Street between the Ronald Earle Building, on the north side of 11th, and the Gault Building, on the south side of 11th, for the purposes of constructing the connecting underground tunnel.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Facilities Management Department recommends approval of the Encroachment Agreement with the City of Austin.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

The underground tunnel to connect the new Ronald Earle Building with the existing Gault Building has been requested by the District Attorney staff and is part of the architectural program and the project budget for the Ronald Earle Building. The tunnel provides a secure walkway for DA staff, victims, witnesses, and occasionally, inmates between the DA's new office building and the CJC criminal courts complex.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The fee amount of \$56,520, to reimburse the City for the County's use of the Right-of-Way, was approved by the Commissioners Court on September 30, 2014, and has been paid to the City. This was a one-time fee and there are no further fiscal impacts.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBIT:

Encroachment Agreement

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Tom Nuckols, County Attorney's Office