



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 7

SUBJECT:

Real Estate Disposition: Conveyance of the Wilson Boulevard median to SAISD while retaining a public right-of-way easement interest.

SUMMARY:

An ordinance approving a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) to provide maintenance, repairs, and operation of the Thespian island and fountain and the Wilson Boulevard median and associated irrigation system project improvements related to the Thomas Jefferson High School Area Streets Project; and, conveying the underlying fee simple interest in the Wilson Boulevard median located between Donaldson Avenue and Club Drive, in Council District 7, to SAISD while retaining a public right of way easement interest.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Wilson Boulevard is included in San Antonio's original 36 square miles, thus is owned by the City of San Antonio. The Wilson Boulevard median, between Donaldson Avenue and Club Drive, is adjacent to Thomas Jefferson High School. In May 2017, voters approved \$3,600,000 to construct street improvements for the Thomas Jefferson High School (Area Streets) project. The project completed improvements to the Wilson Boulevard median, including underground utility

conversion at the intersections of Wilson Boulevard/Donaldson Avenue and Wilson Boulevard/Club Drive, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and Thespian Island fountain restoration, and other improvements. SAISD agreed to provide long-term maintenance and repairs of the Thespian Island, the fountain, and the Wilson Boulevard median and irrigation system if it is the property owner of all the subject parcels.

The City owns a fee-simple title and right-of-way interest in Wilson Boulevard and the median. By conveying the City's underlying fee simple interest in the Wilson Boulevard median, SAISD can provide long-term maintenance to the median. The City will retain its public right-of-way easement interest in the median as it is part of the roadway. SAISD already owns fee simple title to the property known as Thespian Island.

This procedural request will allow SAISD to provide long-term maintenance to the Wilson Boulevard median adjacent to Thomas Jefferson High School.

City Departments and utilities were canvassed, and there were no objections.

ISSUE:

This ordinance approves a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement with the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) to provide maintenance, repairs, and operation of the Thespian island and fountain and the Wilson Boulevard median and associated irrigation system project improvements related to the Thomas Jefferson High School Area Streets Project; and, authorizes the conveyance of the City's underlying fee simple interest in the Wilson Boulevard median located between Donaldson Avenue and Club Drive, in Council District 7, to SAISD while retaining a public right of easement interest.

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SAISD agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide long-term maintenance and repairs to the Wilson Boulevard median and irrigation system, as well as Thespian Island and the fountain if it is the owner of all of the parcels.

The City owns a fee-simple title and right-of-way interest in Wilson Boulevard and the median. By conveying the City's underlying fee simple interest in the Wilson Boulevard median, SAISD can enter into an agreement with the City to provide long-term maintenance to the median. The City will retain a public right-of-way easement interest in the median since it is part of the roadway. SAISD already owns fee simple title to the property known as Thespian Island.

This procedural request will allow SAISD to maintain the Wilson Boulevard median adjacent to Thomas Jefferson High School.

The City of San Antonio's Planning Commission approved this request at its regular meeting on March 27, 2024. This action is consistent with the City Code and Ordinances, which require City Council approval for the sale or disposition of City-owned or controlled real property.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could not approve this request, preventing SAISD from maintaining the agreed-upon median.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) to provide maintenance, repairs, and operation of the Thespian Island and fountain and Wilson Boulevard median and associated irrigation system project improvements related to the Thomas Jefferson High School Area Streets Project and conveyance of the underlying fee simple interest in the Wilson Boulevard median located between Donaldson Avenue and Club Drive, in Council District 7, to SAISD while retaining a public right of way easement interest.