

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2021- 154 Acquisition by Condemnation Proceedings for the Connecticut Avenue Widening Project

MEETING DATE

September 20, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPT

Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS

Council Bill 2021-154

REVIEWED BY

Director of Public Works: David Hertzberg; Finance Director: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY

This Council Bill approves an ordinance declaring a public necessity for the acquisition of real property and easements from Duane and Jackie Williams, by condemnation proceedings for the Connecticut Avenue Widening Project.

BACKGROUND

In August 2014 the voters passed the Renewal of the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Program for an additional 10 years. One of the projects was the widening of Connecticut Avenue from 32nd Street South to the Bridge over I-44. Currently the City has been unable to reach an agreement with Duane and Jackie Williams for the purchase of 259 square feet of right-of-way and 1,050 square feet of temporary easement. The property owner was offered \$1,010.00, the fair market value as determined by professional appraisal.

FUNDING SOURCE

Capital Improvement Sales Tax

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2021-154 Acquisition by Condemnation Proceedings for the Connecticut Avenue widening project be approved on an emergency basis, in that said ordinance provides for public improvements and is considered to be an emergency per section 2.12(6) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Furthermore, approval of this council bill will allow right of way acquisition to be finalized, allowing construction to begin as scheduled, avoiding any unnecessary delays to the construction schedule, and is therefore an emergency.