

**CITY OF BURIEN
AGENDA BILL**

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| Agenda Subject: Approval of the Right-of-Way Property Acquisition Policy for Transportation, Drainage, and Utility Work in Burien | | Meeting Date: January 25, 2010 |
| Department: Public Works | Attachments: 1) Existing ROW Acquisition Policy in Burien 2) City of Burien Right-of-Way Administrative Settlement Procedures | Fund Source: Capital Project Funds Activity Cost: Project by Project Amount Budgeted: N/A Unencumbered Budget Authority: N/A |
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| Adopted Initiative: Yes X No | Initiative Description: Describe a Right-of-Way Acquisition procedure to provide better control of on time on budget project management. | |
| PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION: The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to consider approval of the attached Right-of-Way Procedures. | | |
| BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action & discussion): It has come to the attention of staff that over the course of the past several years that the delivery of projects to be constructed on-time and on-budget becomes more difficult when the City of Burien does not have total control over the acquisition of property for transportation, drainage, and other utility projects especially when there is overhead utilities converted to underground facilities. By amending the Right-of-Way Property Acquisition Procedures then each capital project the City is constructing will have greater probability of being on-time and on-budget, because the City controls the process for acquiring property. Without this type of procedure being in effect prior to beginning negotiations with property owners the project schedule can be jeopardized. The City is then left @ the discretion of the Utility Companies as to when, and how aggressive they proceed with the acquisition of the necessary property. Council @ its January 11, 2010, City Council meeting requested the revised Right-of-Way Procedures be submitted for review and potential adoption @ the meeting. | | |
| OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts): 1) Continue to rely on other utilities or agencies to acquire property or easements following our standard procedures for right-of-way acquisition; or 2) Determine all the right-of-way or easements necessary to complete any Capital Improvement, or Transportation Improvement project under the jurisdiction of the City of Burien in which there are other utility relocation(s) required as a part of the project. The City of Burien will take the lead in acquiring these properties under Burien's Right-of-Way Acquisition Procedures if so authorized to be revised. | | |
| Administrative Recommendation: Approve the Right-of-Way Property Acquisition Policy for Transportation, Drainage, and Utility Work in Burien. | | |
| Committee Recommendation: N/A | | |
| Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A | | |
| Suggested Motion: Move to approve the Right-of-Way Property Acquisition Policy for Transportation, Drainage, and Utility Work in Burien. | | |
| Submitted by: Administration _____ City Manager _____ | | |
| Today's Date: January 21, 2010 | | File Code: R:/CC/Agenda Bill 2010/012510pw-1 ROW procedures |