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Staff Report

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Status: Consent Agenda

To: City Commission

Agenda #: 8b.

From: Public Works Director John Lewis

File Type: Resolution

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 16-16, Declaring the Necessity and Intent to Appropriate Real Property and Authorizing Institution of Condemnation Proceedings if Necessary for Railroad Avenue

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Adopt Resolution No. 16-16, declaring the necessity and intent to appropriate real property and authorizing the institution of condemnation proceedings if necessary for the Hwy 99E & Railroad Avenue improvements.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon state law (ORS 35.235) mandates that parties authorized by law to acquire property through condemnation first adopt a resolution stating the necessity and the purpose for which the property is required.

The safety of the Hwy 99E & Railroad Avenue intersection is of concern to the City and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), as evidenced through the adoption of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 30,330 authorized by the City Commission on February 3, 2016. The IGA is an agreement between the City and ODOT to address transportation safety measures necessary for the redevelopment of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. Agency Project B includes modifications to the right turn geometry from Hwy 99E northbound to Railroad Avenue to allow space for turning traffic to slow and maneuver outside the travel lanes on a curve with limited sight distance. The City agreed to design and acquire the required right-of-way for Agency Project B prior to completion and opening of the Riverwalk, or within three (3) years of the plan amendment from General Industrial to Mixed Use Downtown (November 5, 2017), whichever comes first.

The project is designed to minimize impacts to adjacent properties while creating a safer and more efficient environment for motor vehicles leaving Hwy 99E northbound, turning onto Railroad Avenue, enhancing public infrastructure conditions to create an attractive gateway to a vibrant downtown Oregon City, and that these improvements have been planned in a manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount: To Be Determined

FY(s): 2016/2017

Funding Source: Street Fund