



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 21-5314, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** County Engineer

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Loyd Smith, P.E., Interim County Engineer

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Public Necessity

**Project ID (if applicable):** 21289MF21501

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** Any applicable landowner and/or property interest holder.

**MWDBE Participation (if applicable):** N/A

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval of certain projects, decreeing the projects to be a public necessity and convenience, directing the Harris County Real Property Division to acquire, and authorizing eminent domain if necessary for fifteen (15) road easement tracts for the public project known as Emerald Forest Subdivisions Road and Drainage Improvements (Cypress Place - Phase II), for the purpose of stormwater detention/retention, UPIN 21289MF21501, Precinct 3.

**Background and Discussion:**

This project is located in northwest Harris County. Cypress Place currently consists of an open roadside drainage ditch system that drains to an existing HCFC Channel E132-02-00. Planned drainage improvements include new underground storm sewer along Cypress Place Dr. along with upsizing the driveway culverts where required and regrading the roadside ditches to improve the drainage for localized flooding events in the neighborhood. Cypress Place Dr. currently has a section of the road that is privately owned including the existing roadway. 15 properties need to have sections acquired in order to establish a 60 ft. public Right-of-Way where the current road is in order for the drainage improvements to be completed and enable the County to maintain in the future. This Right-of-Way must be established before the drainage improvement project can be started.

**Expected Impact:**

With acquiring the request tracts for public Right-of-Way access to do construction, this project seeks to reduce flood risk and strengthen resiliency in Harris County by assisting in the alleviation of structural flood damage to homes in the community. This acquisition is a step in the process to reduce the financial, physical, and emotional burden flood damage places on homeowners and will reduce the financial impact of recovery costs to the Roland Road subdivision homeowners and Harris County

**Alternative Options:** N/A

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☒ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action (if any):** N/A

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

**Location:**

Address (if applicable): See attachment for various addresses

Precinct(s): Precinct 3

<b>Fiscal and Personnel Summary</b>				
Service Name		FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures</b>				
Labor Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Funding Sources</b> (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Current Budget	-	-	-	-
Additional Budget Requested	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-	-

<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-
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**Anticipated Implementation Date:** October 12, 2021

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** Shannon C. Watson, Director, Real Property Division, (713) 274-3725

**Attachments (if applicable):** Findings and Declarations; Survey Descriptions and Maps.