



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Transportation & Capital Improvements

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Mike Frisbie, P.E.

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Council District 10

### **SUBJECT:**

Donation of Unimproved Parcels from the McNay Art Museum

### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance accepts the donation by The McNay Art Museum of three (3) unimproved parcels for a total of 0.471 of an acre (20,515 square feet) located at the intersection of North New Braunfels Avenue and Rittiman Road to the City of San Antonio.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The cities of San Antonio and Terrell Hills share a common municipal boundary along Austin Highway to the east of North New Braunfels Avenue. The McNay Art Museum is situated within municipal boundaries of San Antonio, at the intersection of Austin Highway and North New Braunfels Avenue. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has agreed to add a right-turn lane and other traffic safety and aesthetic improvements at the intersection of Austin Highway and North New Braunfels Avenue.

In 2015, the City of San Antonio agreed to close Old Rittman Road at no cost upon completion of the TxDOT improvements at this intersection. The McNay Art Museum agreed to pay for associated engineering services and donate small amounts of their property to the City of San Antonio.

Previously, the McNay Art Museum purchased a 0.657 acre parcel across from their campus to incorporate into their outdoor exhibit area. The alignment of the right-lane turn goes through the 0.657 acre parcel that falls within the boundaries of Terrell Hills. TxDOT requires that only public land is used in their construction

projects. For this reason, the McNay Art Museum has agreed to convey ownership of approximately 0.471 acres to the City of San Antonio. The McNay Art Museum desires to retain landscaping and maintenance responsibilities on the dedicated property.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance will authorize the acceptance of a dedication, from The McNay Art Museum, of three (3) unimproved parcels for a total of 0.471 of an acre (20,515 square feet) located at the intersection of North New Braunfels Avenue and Rittiman Road.

The McNay Art Museum purchased a 0.657 acre parcel across from their campus to incorporate into their outdoor exhibit area. TxDOT's alignment of the right-lane turn goes through the 0.657 acre parcel that falls within the boundaries of Terrell Hills. TxDOT requires that only public land is used in their construction projects. For this reason, the McNay Art Museum has agreed to convey ownership of approximately 0.471 acres to the City of San Antonio. The McNay Art Museum desires to retain landscaping and maintenance responsibilities of the dedicated property.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council could choose not to approve this item, however, if the request is not approved, TxDOT will not be able to add a right-turn lane and other improvements at the intersection of Austin Highway and North New Braunfels Avenue.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The proposed donation has no fiscal impact associated with this request.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Commission reviewed this request at its regular meeting on April 11, 2018.

Staff recommends approval of this request, from the McNay Art Museum, to accept a donation of three (3) unimproved parcels for a total of 0.471 of an acre (20,515 square feet) located at the intersection of North New Braunfels Avenue and Rittiman Road, in Council District 10.