City Council – Action Request Form

Date:	May 14, 2018
To:	The City Manager
From:	Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager S. Kirk Bjorling, Real Estate Administrator

Council Action Requested:
Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Temporary Access Easements for the High Cliffs Road Emergency Access Acquisition Project by Deed or Condemnation (North Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation
Strategic Objective: Improve Integrated Road Network
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: Yes

Summary of Information:

On Tuesday, May 1, 2018, Staff from the City of Winston-Salem were notified of a structurally deficient bridge on High Cliffs Road by a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) bridge inspections team. Support structures on this City maintained bridge have deteriorated over time, which significantly reduced the load capacity of the bridge for vehicular travel. As a result, traffic control measures were put in place and the bridge was posted to allow vehicles less than 3 tons to use the bridge while a repair strategy is developed. This bridge serves as the only public access for sixteen property owners on High Cliffs Road. A private access drive runs from Lakeview Drive over to High Cliffs Road which can serve as temporary access for these property owners as well as emergency services and sanitation vehicles while the bridge is under construction. It is necessary that the City of Winston-Salem acquire the access easements for this project, as shown in the attached Exhibit A. These values for the easements are based on appraised values. If the property owner rejects the offer based on appraised value, then condemnation is authorized based on that appraised value. This procedure will help decrease the potential for delays on the project.

The attached resolution authorizes staff to proceed with the acquisition of the easements as stated herein by deed or condemnation.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 5/14/18	**Action**	Approval
For	Unanimous	**Against**	

Remarks: