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Plans set to widen Imperial

The City Council took action recently which will improve traffic conditions within the Fourth Councilmanic District.

Councilman Leon Williams reported the Council has agreed to buy two street easements as part of the City's planned widening of Imperial Avenue and voted to modify vehicle detectors at two Southeast San Diego intersections controlled by traffic lights.

Imperial Avenue is scheduled in fiscal year 1976 to be widened to four lanes between 47th and 61st Streets for a total cost of $1.07 million.

The agreements approved this week by the Council, Williams said, provides for the City to acquire street easement rights from two of the affected property owners, James and Mildred Barnes for $1,425; and Severo and Irene Barreras for $1,300.

The agreement also provides for the City to reconstruct their driveways lost by the widening. It further stipulates City installation of retaining walls along the new property lines in lieu of slope rights which otherwise would have caused acquisition and relocation expenses for exceeding construction costs. Total cost for the easement rights and reconstruction work for the two properties is $22,400.

In another action, the Council also approved the expenditure of gas tax funds to improve and add vehicle detectors at the intersection of 65th and Imperial and at the intersection of 32nd Street and Norman Scott-Wabash Blvd.