



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2079, **Agenda Item #:** 52.

7/23/2026

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to convey an approximately 0.55-acre (23,958 square feet) Electric Line Easement and Right of Way located at the Salem Walk Substation at the end of Salem Hill Drive, Austin, Texas 78745, to the LCRA Transmission Services Corporation, a not-for-profit company of the Lower Colorado River Authority for no cost in exchange for the release of the original approximately 0.646 acre (28,160 square feet) Electric Line Easement and Right of Way at the same location. Fiscal Note: This item has no fiscal impact.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

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This item has no fiscal impact.

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Council Committee, Boards, and Commission Action:

July 20, 2026 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is releasing the original Electric Line Easement and Right of Way through Austin Energy's Salem Walk Substation and in exchange for a new Electric Line Easement and Right of Way from the City, bypassing Austin Energy's substation. This is the result of a series of Austin Energy projects mitigating the risk of another utility's static and/or conductor wire falling into the substation equipment in the event of a wire failure. LCRA rerouted their transmission line around the perimeter of the Austin Energy substation at Salem Walk to assist with the effort.

The original easement measured approximately 0.646 acres (28,160 square feet), and the new replacement easement measures approximately 0.55 acres (23,958 square feet), a difference of approximately 0.096 acres (4,202 square feet), resulting in a smaller replacement easement. LCRA is incurring the costs associated with the relocation of the easement and infrastructure to make this exercise cost neutral to the City.