



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2221, **Agenda Item #:** 85.

8/27/2026

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment in support of Austin Energy's Circuit CKT961 Induction Reduction Project for the public use of mitigating an induced voltage by the Austin Energy Circuit 961 transmission line on the Capital Metro Red Line rail requiring the acquisition of a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of a 0.6267 of one acre (27,298 square foot) easement comprised of three parts, out of the Rachael Saul Survey, Abstract Number 551, Williamson County, Texas, being a portion of Lot 1, Block A, Resubdivision of Lot 1, Block A, Davis Spring Commercial Section 2, a subdivision of record in Document No. 2011058775, Official Public Records, Williamson County, Texas, said Lot 1 conveyed to AT&T Services, Inc., by Special Warranty Deed Non Material Correction Affidavit Under Section 5.028, Texas Property Code dated May 29, 2012, as recorded in Document No. 2012040342, Official Public Records, Williamson County, Texas, currently appraised at \$283,279 subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals, a Special Commissioner's award, negotiated settlement, or judgment. The owner of the needed property is AT&T Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation. The property is located at 9825 Spectrum Drive, Building 4, Austin, Texas, 78717. The general route of the project begins at the Jollyville Electrical Substation and ends at the Ashton Woods Electrical Substation. Funding: \$283,279 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 10, 2026 - to be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

This project is for the Austin Energy Circuit 961 Induction Reduction Project, intended to mitigate an induced voltage by the Austin Energy Circuit 961 transmission line on the Capital Metro Red Line rail. This project will take the necessary steps to reduce the touch voltage below a 25 volts AC threshold. The voltage reduction will be achieved by installing an aboveground counterpoise wire on the transmission circuit. The general route of the project begins at the Jollyville Substation and ends at the Ashton Woods Substation.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 9825 Spectrum Drive, Building. 4, Austin, Texas 78717. The City and property owner have been unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City, and to authorize the City to pay for the property interest in an amount determined by the appraisal, updated appraisal

(s), a Special Commissioners' award, negotiated settlement, or judgment.