



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1748, **Agenda Item #:** 6.

5/21/2026

Posting Language

Authorize the City Manager to apply for a development permit from Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources for constructing a new electric transmission line connecting to the Timber Creek substation and to pay permitting fees in an amount not to exceed \$935,000. Funding: \$935,000 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$935,000 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 11, 2026- Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 11-0 vote.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy is constructing a new transmission line within Travis County's jurisdiction to support development in the rapidly growing southeastern portion of Austin Energy's service territory. The new transmission line will connect to the Timber Creek Substation, which is currently under construction. Together, the substation and transmission line will provide critical electric capacity for major regional growth, including the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) multi-year expansion program (Journey With AUS) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

To construct the line within Travis County's jurisdiction, Austin Energy must obtain a development permit from Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources and pay the associated permitting fees.

The most practical and cost-effective route places the transmission line parallel to Pearce Lane, from State Highway 130 to the AUS property. A significant portion of this alignment lies within Travis County's jurisdiction and the City of Austin's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Authorization to pursue and obtain the Travis County permit is necessary for Austin Energy to energize the substation and transmission line in Spring 2027, meeting the increasing electric demand in this high growth area and supporting critical infrastructure projects. Without this approval, Austin Energy would be unable to adequately support development in this region.