



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0590, **Agenda Item #:** 69.

4/24/2025

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for the Cap Ex South, CKT987&1031 Structure Relocation 2021 Project for the public use of relocating various structures along the existing circuits 926, 927, 987, and 988 requiring the acquisition of a Permanent Electric Transmission and Distribution Easement, consisting of approximately 0.0522 of one acre (2,275 square foot) easement, out of the William Cannon League Survey No.19, Abstract No.6, Travis County, Texas, being a portion of the remainder of Lot 4, "Block B", Oaks at Slaughter, a subdivision recorded October 10, 2019, in Document No.201900203 Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, and being the remainder of that tract described as 6.105 acres conveyed to SOCO 35 Retail, Ltd. by Special Warranty Deed dated August 15, 2016, as recorded in Document No.2016133769, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$135,084 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 SOCO 35 Retail, LTD., a Texas limited partnership. The property is located at 8500 South Interstate Highway 35, Austin, Texas 78745. The general route of the project is along Interstate 35 from State Highway 71 south to State Highway 45. Funding: \$135,084 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

For More Information

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action

April 14, 2025 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Interstate 35 (I-35) Capital Express Central Roadway Project requires the relocation of various structures along existing circuits 926/927, 987 and 988 to accommodate the expanded TxDOT right-of-way along I-35 from Holly Street to State Highway 71/Ben White Boulevard to State Highway 45.

The City previously acquired a waterline easement across the same area through condemnation in 1986.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 8500 S. I-35, Austin, Texas 78745. 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.