



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 25-0593, **Agenda Item #:** 72.

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, CKT 987 & 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 a total of a 0.0329 of one acre (1,434 square foot) easement consisting of two parts, out of the William Cannon League Survey No. 19, Abstract No.6, Travis County, Texas, being a portion of Lot 3, "Block A", Oaks at Slaughter, a Subdivision recorded October 10, 2019, in Document No. 201900203, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, said Lot 3 conveyed to SOCO Parcel Property Owners' Association, Inc. by Special Warranty Deed dated August 23, 2021, as recorded in Document No. 2022031078, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas. The property is currently appraised at \$3,747, 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 Parcel Property Owners' Association, Inc. The property is located at 121 East Ralph Ablanedo Drive, Austin, Texas 78748. The general route of the project is along Interstate 35 from Texas State Highway 71 South to Texas State Highway 45. Funding: \$3,747 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 general route of the project is along Interstate 35 from Texas State Highway 71 South to Texas 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 121 E. Ralph Ablanedo Drive, Austin, Texas 78748. 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

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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.