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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	11662	Agenda Number	104.
Meeting Date:	1/12/2012		Department:	Office of Real Estate Services
Subject				
<p>Conduct a public hearing and approve a resolution to consider the permanent use of approximately 1,517 square feet of land for construction, use, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the existing electric transmission lines for the Seaholm District Redevelopment and the new Central Library Project through dedicated parkland known as Town Lake Shoal Beach and the Shoal Creek Greenbelt, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by requester.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.			
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

Austin Energy is proposing to relocate existing electric transmission line located within Seaholm through parkland to serve the Seaholm District Redevelopment and the new Central Library.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". Austin Energy is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland, and all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands has occurred. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman were December 18 and 25, 2011 and January 1, 2012.