

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018

Item Number: 003

Austin Energy

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metro Transportation Authority for an amount not to exceed \$407,500 for costs associated with the removal of overhead electric lines and replacement with underground electrical services associated with the Capital Metro Multimodal Downtown Transit Station located at 401 East 4th Street.

District(s) Affected: District 9

Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.
For More Information	Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Dan Smith, Vice President, Electric Service Delivery (512) 505-7009; Michael Pittman, Power System Principal Engineer, (512) 505-7678, Pamela England, Manager, Public Involvement and Real Estate Services.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	January 22, 2018 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioner Stout absent and two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The Capital Metro Transportation Authority ("Capital Metro") plans to relocate and replace its existing MetroRail Station at 401 East 4th Street, adjacent to the Austin Convention Center, with a new Multimodal Downtown Transit Station one block east of the current location.

This project requires removal of overhead electrical lines and replacement with underground electrical service on 4th Street in the general vicinity of Sabine Street and the I-35 south-bound frontage road. As

part of the project and agreement, Austin Energy requested the installation of conduits across the intersection of East 4th and Sabine Streets and conduits into 4th Street heading east from Sabine to the I-35 frontage road, as well as necessary ancillary equipment. These improvements will ensure Austin Energy's capability to provide future electric service delivery and reliability within the Downtown network, and are referred to as "AE Betterment" in the agreement.

The City will reimburse Capital Metro for a total amount not to exceed \$407,500 for hard costs and engineering design costs. Hard costs include, but are not limited to, construction and materials. Improvements for which Capital Metro will be responsible include engineering design fees, permitting fees, other City of Austin fees, and the installation of:

- 2 meter pedestals
- 200' 9-5" and 3-4" conduit
- 232' 2-4" conduit
- 240' 2-2" conduit
- 3 36" pull boxes
- 4 streetlight foundations

Other terms of the AE Betterment and interlocal agreement require that Capital Metro:

- Pay all costs for financing, interest, fiscal security, accounting, insurance, inspections, permitting, legal services, and other non-reimbursable soft costs associated with the project;
- Conform to the City's design criteria and construction standards of Austin Energy; and
- Construct all improvements at its cost and, after the City's final approval of the construction, dedicate the facilities to the City for ownership, operation, and maintenance by Austin Energy.

Austin Energy is required to:

- Remove existing overhead electrical lines; and
- Pull electric conductor through installed conduit.

Capital Metro will solicit construction bids and serve as project manager. The project is located in zip code 78701 and is in City Council District 9.