



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1925, **Agenda Item #:** 60.

6/6/2019

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of approximately 0.0274 acre (1,194 square feet) tract of land, situated in the John Applegait Survey Number 58, being a portion of Lot 2, Block I, Mockingbird Hill Section One, a subdivision recorded in Volume 5, Page 159, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, conveyed to Auto Strategies, LLC in Document No. 2011110504, Official Public Records Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$19,744, for the public purpose of electric transmission and distribution facilities necessary to upgrade Circuit 811. The owner of the property interest is Auto Strategies, LLC, a Texas limited liability company. The property is located at 10501 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78753.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 13, 2019 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioner Weldon off the dais and Commissioners Hadden and Stone absent.

Additional Backup Information:

This project will upgrade the four-mile Circuit 811 transmission line from 69kV to 138kV to provide redundancy and increase reliability of the electric service system.

Additional easement widths are necessary for safety and clearance requirements pursuant to the National Electric Safety Code, and for access and maintenance of Circuit 811. Austin Energy identified 103 easement tracts necessary for this upgrade project. To date, 34 property owners have accepted appraised values; 19 are unwilling to accept the appraised values; and 50 are in negotiations.

The current fair market value of the Auto Strategies LLC tract, as determined by an independent, third-party appraiser, is \$19,744. The City attempted to purchase the needed property for this amount however; the City and the property owner were unable to agree on the value of the tract. The Law Department requests authorization to file an eminent domain action on behalf of the City of Austin.