



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jerry Rusthoven, Assistant Director, Housing and Planning Department

FROM: Katie Wettick, AICP, Program Manager, Public Works Department

CC: Pamela England, Austin Energy Facilities
Amy Newman, Austin Energy Facilities
John Powell, P.E. PMP, Austin Energy, Electric Service Delivery

DATE: January 22, 2021

SUBJECT: NBG Austin Energy Substation Rezoning (C14-2020-0128)

The Urban Trails Program is partnering with Austin Energy and the Corridor Program Office at the Kramer Lane site. The partnership will add needed water quality and detention facilities and an urban trail to the west side of the parcel in coordination with the substation development.

The Urban Trails Program promotes multi-use pathways for recreation and active transportation with the goal of helping people of all ages and abilities travel from one end of the city to another in a safe and healthy way. The Urban Trails Network is an important piece of the overall transportation network needed to achieve a 50% mode-shift by 2039, as called for in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan.

The Red Line Trail, a proposed 32-mile trail system along Capital Metro's Red Line is identified as a high priority trail. A portion of this trail is proposed through the Kramer site and will be constructed as part of Austin Energy's substation development.

The Kramer site is a City owned parcel with custodial rights managed by Austin Energy. This site serves the Public Works Department, Fleet Services, and a substantial component of Austin Energy North, engineering and construction.

The Urban Trails Program supports the proposed coordinated approach to site development as it allows for, and expands, the important services the Kramer site already serves while improving connectivity in the area, through the addition of the Red Line Trail.

This multi-departmental collaboration will benefit the City of Austin and the North Burnet Gateway community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katie Wettick'.

Katie Wettick, AICP