



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2325, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of approximately 0.067 acre (2,934 square feet), and a temporary construction easement consisting of approximately 0.163 acre (7,093 square feet) out of the J.P. Wallace Survey, Abstract No. 789, Travis County, Texas, and being a portion of the property located at 7521 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78752, for the Austin Energy Transmission Circuit 811 JL-MC 138kV upgrade project, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00, including closing costs.

Lead Department

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$170,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2021 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Trostle off the dais, Commissioners Hadden, Stone, and Wray absent and one vacancy .

Additional Backup Information:

The project includes upgrade of the 4.0 mile transmission line with bundled 795 ACSS Drake conductor rated for 3000 amps, and to reinsulate the line and make-ready for ultimate operation at 138kV. The project will provide redundancy and increase reliability. The downtown service area could be seriously jeopardized if one of Austin Energy's four autotransformers fails and is unavailable for an extended period of time while a replacement unit is being secured. In that scenario CKT811 loads could reach 151 percent of its 120 MVA thermal limit risking outages and fluctuating service. Additional easement widths are necessary for safety and clearance requirements pursuant to the National Electric Safety Code, and for access and maintenance. The property owner of the proposed 2,934 S.F. permanent easement and 7,093 S.F. temporary construction easement has accepted the appraised value as compensation.

Strategic Outcome(s):

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