City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2985, **Agenda Item #:** 81. 11/19/2026

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed in support of Austin Energy's Capital Express Central CKT823, 834, & 835 Structure Relocation 2021 Project for the public use of relocating various transmission structures along the existing Circuits 823, 834, & 835 to accommodate the Texas Department of Transportation's expansion of Interstate Highway 35 as part of the Interstate 35 Capital Express program requiring the acquisition of a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of 0.0178 of one acre (774 square foot) out of Outlot 28, Division "C", City of Austin, Travis County, Texas being a portion of Lot 4, Block B, Dancy Addition, a subdivision of record in Book 2, Page 149, Plat Records, Travis County, Texas, being described as 3,615 square feet conveyed to Kimberly Hsu and Sidhanta Gurung by Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated July 1, 2019, as recorded in Document Number 2019099488, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at $62,501 subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals, a Special Commissioners' award, negotiated settlement, or judgment. The owners of the needed property are Kimberly Hsu and Sidhanta Gurung. The property is located at 1201 East 28th Street, Austin, TX 78722. The general route of the Circuit 835 portion of this project is located along Dean Keeton Street and runs east across Interstate 35 to Dancy Street. Circuit 823 is located along East 38 ½ Street, and Circuit 834 is located along the north and south sides of Dean Keeton Street. Funding: $62,501 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 9, 2026 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

This specific portion of the project is for Austin Energy Circuit 835, one of three circuits included in the Capital Express Central CKT823, 834, & 835 Structure Relocation 2021 Project intended to relocate various transmission structures along the existing Circuits 823, 834, & 835 to accommodate the Texas Department of Transportation's expansion of Interstate 35 (I-35) as part of the I-35 Capital Express program. This section of the CKT835 Project is along Dean Keeton Street, running east across I-35 to Dancy Street. This easement is necessary for safety and clearance requirements pursuant to the National Electrical Safety Code.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 1201 East 28th Street, Austin, Texas 78722. The

City and property owners have been unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City, and to authorize the City to pay for the property interest in an amount determined by the appraisal, updated appraisal (s), a Special Commissioners' award, negotiated settlement, or judgment.