Tom and Eric,

We also very much appreciate you meeting with PW Urban Trails and Austin Energy to discuss the City's Kramer Lane property and to share your perspective and priorities regarding the Red Line Parkway. As the Planning Commission encouraged, we have each shared our concerns (e.g., safety, costs, varied stakeholder interests) and desires regarding the future use of the Kramer Lane site. That included Austin Energy laying out its desire to have a successful amendment to the North Burnet/Gateway Regulating Plan to allow for certain civic uses at the Kramer Lane Service Center. Those civic uses include allowing the City departments currently using the property (Austin Energy, Fleet, and Public Works) to continue the existing uses of the site as well as the construction of a new substation.

As I discussed with Eric, I believe that we can reach a mutually agreeable solution—Austin Energy will support locating the trail along the western border of the property during the site development process, and the Red Line Parkway Initiative will support the requested amendment to the North Burnet/Gateway Regulating Plan and stated civic uses above. Austin Energy, PW Urban Trails and the Red Line Parkway Initiative will continue to work together to achieve these goals. Austin Energy, Public Works and the Red Line Parkway Initiative recognize that additional stakeholders (e.g., CAP Metro, Watershed Protection, Development Services, etc.) will be participants in the site plan application process and may impose requirements that affect the placement of the trail and substation.

Please confirm I have correctly captured our positions. If so, I recommend that Susan Groce report this agreement at the October 27 Planning Commission meeting so that it is captured in the record.

Looking forward to working with you on this effort.

Best,

Tammy

From: Tom Wald <tom@redlineparkway.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 10:50 AM
To: England, Pamela <Pamela.England@austinenergy.com>; Groce, Susan
<Susan.Groce@austinenergy.com>; Cooper, Tammy <Tammy.Cooper@austinenergy.com>

Cc: Wettick, Katie <Katie.Wettick@austintexas.gov>; Spence, Janae
<Janae.Spence@austintexas.gov>; Eric Goff <eric.goff@gmail.com>; Brianna Frey
<bmgarner@utexas.edu>
Subject: Thank you for discussing the AE Site and Red Line Parkway

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Pamela, Susan, and Tammy,

We very much appreciate your time yesterday and for sharing more of your perspective and background on Austin Energy's plans for 2412 Kramer Lane.

I inquired with Capital Metro regarding the future of the rail spur, and I just received this update from Sam Sargent:

"Removal of the track and the switch (according to Mr. Dech) will occur as part of the Broadmoor redevelopment and station project. They will [be] timed together." There is some more information in Sam's email below.

-Tom

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Sargent, Sam** <<u>Sam.Sargent@capmetro.org</u>> Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 9:04 AM Subject: Re: Future of the rail spur on 2412 Kramer Lane To: Tom Wald <<u>tom@redlineparkway.org</u>>, Mukherjee, Sharmila <<u>Sharmila.Mukherjee@capmetro.org</u>>

Tom,

I spoke with Dave Dech, our VP of Rail Operations. A few months back Austin Energy informed Capital Metro that we could no longer use their rail spur to store rail maintenance equipment on account of the plans to construct a substation on site. It had long been used by Capital Metro for storage, but it doesn't belong to us and is out of our hands.

Removal of the track and the switch (according to Mr. Dech) will occur as part of the Broadmoor redevelopment and station project. They will he timed together.

In short, we have had a need for that track but have other options for maintenance of way storage. We understand Austin Energy's needs for that site and hope that they can accommodate the trail.

Sam



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Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 3:10:29 PM
To: Sargent, Sam <<u>Sam.Sargent@capmetro.org</u>>; Mukherjee, Sharmila
<<u>Sharmila.Mukherjee@capmetro.org</u>>
Subject: Future of the rail spur on 2412 Kramer Lane

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Sharmila and Sam,

We are working with Austin Urban Trails and Austin Energy to discuss the placement of the Red Line Trail through the AE 2412 Kramer Lane site, in addition to the placement of their future substation on that site.

AE's understanding is that they have no current or future use for the rail spur and that there is no other city department that has any current or future use for it. Rail spur on Google Maps: <u>https://goo.gl/maps/SShZRjnMXqsJAsWH6</u>

What is Capital Metro's approach to this rail spur? E.g. is CapMetro planning to remove it? If so, by when? Does CapMetro have current or future uses for it? Etc. I may have follow-up questions.

We are working on a time-sensitive issue with AE for this site, so it would be helpful to have information within a day or two. I'm happy to discuss directly with another CapMetro staff person to understand more.

Thank you, Tom

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