

Meeting Date: 10/13/2015

Report Type: Consent

Report ID: 2015-00868

Title: SMUD Undergrounding Priority List

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution approving the Amended and Restated Selection Criteria and Priority List for the SMUD System Enhancement Undergrounding Program.

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Presenter: None

Department: Economic Development Dept

Division: Citywide Development

Dept ID: 18001031

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form

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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Larry Burkhardt - 9/18/2015 1:51:30 PM

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: On March 9, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution 2010-119, which approved the SMUD Commercial Undergrounding Project Ranking Criteria and the SMUD Undergrounding Priority List. On May 13, 2014, the City passed Motion 2014-0100, which approved an amended SMUD Undergrounding Priority List that included 12 projects located throughout the city. Since that time, SMUD has determined a resolution approved by City Council is required by the SMUD System Enhancement program guidelines. To meet that requirement, the list is being resubmitted to City Council for approval. Additionally, two more potential projects have been identified, ranked, and included on the list. They are Meadowview Road and Freeport Boulevard. Staff is recommending approval of restated SMUD Commercial Undergrounding Project Ranking Criteria and an amended SMUD Undergrounding Priority List that includes 14 projects listed in ranked order.

No funding is being provided at this time and it is expected that not all projects on the list will be undertaken. However, should a project proceed, the City would be eligible to submit an application to SMUD for funding to underground or relocate power lines. Should two or more projects be ready to submit to SMUD at the same time, the higher ranked project would receive priority for consideration.

Policy Considerations: Undergrounding power lines is consistent with the Economic Development Strategy goal to assist in the revitalization of commercial corridors.

Economic Impacts: None at this time.

Environmental Considerations: The approval of a ranked priority list of projects is an administrative activity and does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15378 (b)(2).

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: The relocation or undergrounding of overhead power lines can help improve aesthetics, economic vitality, safety, and disabled access. Annually, SMUD makes available one half of one percent of its gross electric sales revenues to the jurisdictions it covers for the System Enhancement program, which in SMUD's 2015 budget was approximately \$6.8 million. Identifying projects as City

priorities is the first step in the eligibility process. Having a ranked priority list will assist the City and SMUD in making funding decisions should the City have more than one project that is ready to apply to SMUD for funding at the same time.

Since the ranked list was adopted in May 2014, two additional projects have been added to the list. Expanding the list will provide an opportunity for additional projects to potentially participate in the program.

Financial Considerations: None at this time.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- _____

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

October 13, 2015

AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SELECTION CRITERIA AND THE PRIORITY LIST FOR THE SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (SMUD) SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

- A. The relocation or undergrounding of primary voltage overhead power lines is desirable to the City as it improves aesthetics, economic vitality, safety and disabled access along corridors.
- B. The SMUD recognizes these benefits and established the System Enhancement Program to fund selected distribution system enhancements by relocating or undergrounding existing power lines below 69 kV.
- C. SMUD will fund the cost to relocate or underground its facilities and will fund the costs to construct the utility trench provided that: (i) the City has established the project and determined that it is in the public interest, (ii) the relocation of all telecommunication company facilities with leases and rights to the existing joint pole facilities has been funded and approved by those companies, (iii) the plans and specifications for the relocation of SMUD's facilities has been completed by others, (iv) the underground improvements have been constructed to SMUD's satisfaction, (v) all required building permits have been approved, (vi) all private property right of way requirements and easements and service relocation agreements with all affected property owners have been executed, and (vii) any easements that may be required by SMUD for its above-ground utility boxes have been granted.
- D. On March 9, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution 2010-119, which approved the SMUD Commercial Undergrounding Project Ranking Criteria and the SMUD Undergrounding Priority List. On May 13, 2014, the City passed Motion 2014-0100, which approved an amended SMUD Undergrounding Priority List that included 12 projects located throughout the city.
- E. Since May of 2014, two additional potential projects have been identified, which have been rated and ranked according to the evaluation criteria and included in an amended SMUD Undergrounding Priority List.
- F. The restated SMUD Commercial Undergrounding Project Ranking Criteria and amended SMUD Undergrounding Priority List are being submitted for adoption by City Council resolution, as required by the SMUD System Enhancements

program. The restated Ranking Criteria and amended Priority List will supersede the criteria and lists approved by Resolution 2010-119 and Motion 2014-0100.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The SMUD System Enhancement Program Commercial Underground Project Ranking Criteria attached as Exhibit A is hereby approved.

Section 2. The SMUD System Enhancement Program Ranked Priority List attached as Exhibit B is hereby established.

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Exhibit A: Commercial Underground Project Ranking Criteria

Exhibit B: Ranked Priority List

**City of Sacramento
SMUD SD-14 System Enhancement
Commercial Undergrounding Project Ranking Criteria**

Ranking (maximum of 100 points)

1. Project Readiness Up to 15 pts

Scoring is based on the work completed at the time projects are scored and ranked. Points are awarded for projects for which technical or feasibility studies, streetscape, or master plans have been completed. Points are also awarded to projects which have construction documents in progress (30% completed or more).

2. Financial Feasibility Up to 20 pts

There is no match required by SMUD, but there are non-eligible costs that must be paid, such as project management, purchase of easements, and toxic remediation. Projects that have a realistic budget and a committed source of funds to pay for the project and these non-eligible costs will be awarded up to 20 points.

3. Property Owner Commitment Up to 20 pts

Points will be awarded based on the highest level of commitment received from impacted property owners. Impacted property owners are those owners from whom an easement, temporary construction easement, and/or right of way acquisition will be required. Projects in which owners have consented to participate, including those who will have above ground facilities on their property, will receive up to 20 points.

4. Commercial Corridor 20 pts

Projects located on one of the 19 priority commercial corridors will receive 20 points.

- 12th Street (Richards Boulevard to I Street)
- 16th Street (Richards Boulevard to Broadway)
- 65th Street
- Broadway West (Miller Park to Alhambra Boulevard)
- Broadway East (Alhambra to Stockton Boulevard)
- Del Paso Boulevard (Acoma to Marysville Boulevard)
- Florin Road (Franklin Boulevard to 24th Street)
- Folsom Boulevard West (Alhambra to UPRR Overcrossing)
- Folsom Boulevard East (UPRR Overcrossing to Watt Avenue)
- Franklin Boulevard (Sutterville to Fruitridge Roads)
- Freeport Boulevard (2nd Avenue to City Limits, excluding William Land Park)
- Fruitridge Road (65th Street to Power Inn Road)
- Mack Road (Center Parkway to Highway 99)

- Marysville Boulevard (Roanoake Avenue to Arcade Creek)
- Midtown (16th to 29th Street, J to L Streets)
- Northgate Boulevard (Garden Highway to I-80)
- R Street Corridor (3rd Street to 17th Street)
- Richards Boulevard (North 12th Street to Jibboom Street)
- Stockton Boulevard (X Street to Riza Avenue)

5. Streetscape or Other Public Enhancement Projects 15 pts

Projects that are part of a larger public improvement project such as streetscape, park, new light rail line, or light rail station will receive 15 points.

6. Business Impact and Support 10 pts

Projects that have the support of a Business Improvement District (BID) or Property-based Business Improvement District (PBID) will receive 5 points. Projects which impact eight or more businesses will receive an additional 5 points.

SMUD SD-14 System Enhancement Program

Ranked Priority List

1. North 12th Street/12th Street from the American River to H Street.
2. R Street (Phase II) from 13th Street to 16th Street.
3. Broadway (west side) from 3rd Street to 28th Street.
4. Richards between North 12th Street and Dos Rios Street, continuing south along Dos Rios Street to North B Street.
5. Mack Road between Highway 99 and Franklin Boulevard and extending down Valley Hi Drive to Bruceville Road and down Bruceville Road to Timberlake Way.
6. North 16th Street from the Union Pacific railroad underpass to Richards Boulevard (west side).
7. R Street (Phase III) between 16th and 18th Streets (south side).
8. Capitol Avenue between 19th and 20th Streets continuing on 20th Street to Matsui Alley.
9. Richards Boulevard from North 5th Street to Sequoia Pacific Boulevard (north side).
10. Florin Road between Tamoshanter Road and Franklin Boulevard (north side).
11. Ramona Avenue from Brighton Avenue to Power Inn Road (west and north sides). Cucamonga Avenue from Ramona Avenue to Power Inn Road.
12. Meadowview Road between Freeport and Detroit Boulevards.
13. Freeport Boulevard between Bidwell Way and Sutterville Road.
14. North 5th Street from Richards Boulevard to the American River.