



CITY OF CORONADO

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE ADELLA AND YNEZ, AND SILVER STRAND UNDERGROUNDING PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Appropriate \$100,000 from Fund 160-CDA Loan Fund for the Adella and Ynez Undergrounding project for the preparation of additional plans and documents, and related requirements necessary to bid the project for construction.
2. Appropriate \$200,000 from Fund 160-CDA Loan Fund for the Silver Strand Undergrounding project for the preparation of additional plans and documents, environmental analysis, permitting/easement/ownership research and document preparation, and any other requirements needed in order to have a design finalized project eligible for potential grant funding opportunities.

BACKGROUND:

City staff last provided a status update on undergrounding projects to the City Council on June 1, 2021. Since then, the Public Services and Engineering Department had a change in key staff assigned to the projects. This transition led to delays, although staff are now fully engaged in the projects and have reached several key milestones. Additional funding for plans and analysis is needed to move the projects toward the construction advertising phase and for grant funding eligibility.

On June 21, 2022, the City Council approved the City's Capital Improvement Program reaffirming its commitment to four undergrounding projects: Adella and Ynez, Silver Strand, First Street, and Pomona Avenue. This staff report provides a request for funding and an update on two of those projects: Adella and Ynez, and Silver Strand. Staff recommends appropriating Fund 160-CDA Loan Funds to the projects as previously identified by the Council and to preserve General Funds.

ANALYSIS:

The following is a general status update and list of key milestones achieved to date:

Adella and Ynez Underground Conversion District:

- This conversion district was adopted by City Council on April 20, 2021.
- SDG&E has completed the 90% plans for the removal of overhead services and construction of underground conduits and facilities.
- With receipt of the SDGE plans, City staff and the consultant are now coordinating with Communication Providers (AT&T, Charter) to obtain fee estimates for design plans and any requirements for agreements.
- The goal is to have bid documents ready for advertisement summer of 2023.

Silver Strand Conversion District:

- SDG&E has completed the 60% plans for the removal of overhead services and construction of underground conduits and facilities.
 - Design alignment is on the west side of the bike path.

- With receipt of the SDGE plans, City staff and consultant are now coordinating with Communication Providers (AT&T, Charter, Cox) to obtain fee estimates for design plans and any requirements for agreements.
- The proposed alignment must be coordinated with Cal Am Water Company which is in the design phase for the construction of a new water main along the Strand; the 60% SDGE plans have been sent to Cal Am to incorporate into the final Cal Am plans.
- From the previous update: The electrical lines must traverse the three pedestrian crossings of SR 75 and because of the limited cover to the top of the pedestrian tunnels, the lines must be rerouted onto State Parks property to avoid overhead crossings. This will require easements, which may take some time to obtain.
 - SDGE completed potholing after receiving a Caltrans permit and has determined the lines do not need to be rerouted onto State Parks property and can be underground under the pedestrian tunnels.
 - City staff has preliminarily identified one easement that is required unless there is a desire to leave one pole remaining. Staff will pursue the easement unless otherwise directed.
- CEQA analysis needs to be performed which could include sensitive species review.
- A review of permits/ownership rights is also needed.
- The goal is to have a design finalized project eligible for potential grant funding opportunities by summer of 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

160-CDA Loan Fund has a sufficient fund balance, and the below are eligible projects based on prior Council directives regarding the use of this fund.

1. Appropriate \$100,000 from Fund 160-CDA Loan Fund to account 400-710-9763-18015 for the Adella and Ynez Undergrounding project.
2. Appropriate \$200,000 from Fund 160-CDA Loan Fund to account 400-710-9754-20014 for the Silver Strand Undergrounding project.

ALTERNATIVE:

The City Council could choose not to fund the projects or continue to use General Funds.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

Not Applicable.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

No notice required.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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