



CITY OF LONG BEACH

C-18

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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December 1, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to grant an easement deed for the installation and maintenance of electrical facilities on City of Long Beach property, south of Willow Street and east of Elm Avenue, as part of a utility undergrounding project required by the City of Long Beach Underground Utility District Number 40; and adopt and accept Categorical Exemption CE-15-106. (District 6)

DISCUSSION

Willow Street from the westerly City limits to Atlantic Avenue is a major arterial with a heavy concentration of overhead utility lines in an area of dense commercial land use. To achieve visual streetscape enhancement City staff, with the assistance of SCE, gave a high priority to undergrounding utilities along this street section. On October 10, 2006, RES No. 06-0118 was adopted creating Underground Utility District No. 40 for Willow Street between the westerly City boundary and Atlantic Avenue. In order for SCE to adhere to the underground conversion resolution, they need an easement, which gives SCE authorization to install and maintain the electrical facilities on a portion of City property located adjacent to the ten-foot alley south of Willow Street, east of Elm Avenue. The SCE facilities will be installed at no cost to the City.

Construction work will be as minimal as possible. Any disturbance to City property, caused by construction, shall be restored to as near as possible to its previous condition. The locations of the new electrical facilities are shown on the attachment.

The customary investigation was conducted involving public utilities and interested City departments, and there were no objections to the proposed Grant of Easement. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project has been determined to be categorically exempt, pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301 (attached).

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lauren Misajon on November 3, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 28, 2015.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. Since this is a City project, a special purpose grant of easement fee was not collected. Approval of this recommendation will provide continued support to the local economy.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



ARA MALOYAN, PE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

Attachment:

- Grant of Easement Sketch
- Notice of Exemption from CEQA

ATTACHMENT



WILLOW STREET

ELM AVENUE

POR. LOT 75
AMERICAN COLONY TRACT
(M.R. 19/89-90)
DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "C"
PER DEED REC. 04/27/2004
INST. # 04-1024636, O.R.
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

55'

STRIP #1
(UNDERGROUND SYSTEMS)

20'
ALLEY

10'
ALLEY

STRIP #2
(OVERHEAD SYSTEMS)

10'
ALLEY

20'
ALLEY

30'



Dated: Jan 23, 2015

Glenn M. Bakke

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LEGEND

- DENOTES UNDERGROUND SCE EASEMENT AREA = APPROX. 317 SQ. FT.
- DENOTES OVERHEAD SCE EASEMENT AREA = APPROX. 105 SQ. FT.
- DENOTES NOT TO SCALE



NOTICE of EXEMPTION from CEQA

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Norwalk, CA 90650

Categorical Exemption CE- 15-106

APN 7208-006-901

Project Location/Address: Willow St from the LA River to Atlantic Ave 420 E. Willow St.

Project/Activity Description: Convert overhead electrical distribution facilities to underground facilities with the same capacity and within the same locations on Willow St from the LA River to Atlantic Ave. Project falls under the CPUC Rule 20A Tariff. The surface will be restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding.

Public Agency Approving Project: **City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California**

Applicant Name: Southern California Edison, Project Manager – Jeff Shellabarger

Mailing Address: 1444 E. McFadden Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705

Phone Number: 714-796-9830

Applicant Signature: Jeff Shellabarger

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Application Number: _____ Planner's Initials: _____

Required Permits: _____

THE ABOVE PROJECT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE GUIDELINES SECTION 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities

Statement of support for this finding: Minor alteration of existing electrical facilities with no expansion of use

Contact Person: Craig Chalfant

Contact Phone: 562-570-6368

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 7/27/15