

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR
RELOCATION OF FACILITIES FOR THE U.S. 101/KANAN ROAD
INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

As part of the U.S. 101/Kanan Road Interchange Project approved by the City Council, the utilities surrounding the project area were scheduled to be removed from their existing poles and placed in underground facilities. Staff has been working with all the affected utilities, including Southern California Edison (SCE), in regard to this matter.

In May, the City Council approved the agreement with SCE to complete the initial phase of the undergrounding of the utilities, which included trenching and the placement of conduit in conjunction with the other utility companies. This is currently being completed by their subcontractor, Tidwell Construction, Inc.

SCE is now requesting the authorization and payment for the second and final phase of the agreement to be executed. This phase of work will include the pulling of new wires through the newly placed conduits by SCE's right-of-way crews. Once the new wires are pulled and new connections are made to the business center at Kanan Road and Roadside Drive, then the existing wires on the utility poles adjacent to U.S. 101 on Roadside Drive can be removed. This, in turn, allows construction of the southbound off-ramp area to be completed by Security Paving on behalf of the City.

Staff has presented this item to the subcommittee (made up of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem) authorized by the City Council to review change orders or project items that need immediate attention in order to prevent unnecessary costs and/or delays. This item was found to be consistent with the original Relocation of Facilities Agreement established with SCE and was not contrary to the established project budget.

SCE is requesting that the City deposit \$457,151.69 for the second phase of utility undergrounding. Actual costs will be reviewed by the City and SCE staff following the completion of this work as the amount listed above consists of an estimate of labor and materials. SCE is billing the City at cost for the completion of this work.

In order to insure that the U.S. 101/Kanan Road Interchange Project stays on schedule, it is vital that SCE begin their work immediately, as not to interfere with the City's contractor, Security Paving, Inc., and the established construction schedule. Due to the amount of money that is being requested and the tight schedule that the City must work within, staff is bringing this item before the City Council for ratification following the approval of the subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending the City Council approve the acknowledgement of Phase II work with Southern California Edison to relocate their facilities underground as planned for in the U.S. 101/Kanan Road Interchange Project, and authorize funds of \$457,151.69 to Southern California Edison for the above-stated relocation of facilities.

Attachment: Southern California Edison Acknowledgement of SCE's Relocation Process