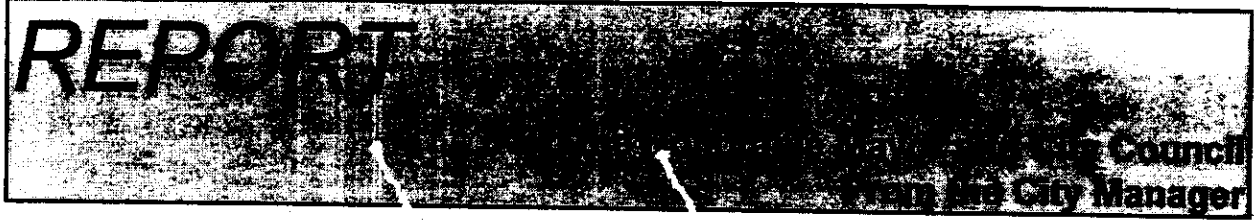


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March 8, 2004

Subject

Utility Relocation Agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company – Ralston Avenue/Marine Parkway/Route 101 Interchange Improvement Project

Recommendation

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute two Utility Relocation Agreements (one for Gas and one for Electric), between the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and the City of Redwood City for relocating existing underground utility transmission facilities in the Ralston Avenue/Marine Parkway/Route 101 Interchange Improvement Project area.

Background

On August 11, 2003, the City Council awarded the construction contract for the Ralston Avenue/Marine Parkway/Route 101 Interchange Improvement Project. The actual construction under this contract is scheduled to start this month (per agreement).

The scope of the improvement of this interchange slightly expands the State right-of-way. It also includes the realignment of Island Parkway to intersect with Marine Parkway at the new northbound off-ramp signalized intersection. For these reasons, several utilities, including PG&E's gas and electric transmission lines, have to be moved.

Under normal City-sponsored project protocol, utility relocations would fall under the franchise agreements, which are explicit about the utility companies having to relocate their facilities at their own cost. This project, however, falls under the State's jurisdiction; therefore, mandating that the utility relocations follow the State's agreement with PG&E. Under the State's agreement, the cost is shared (50/50) between PG&E and the project owner, as outlined in the subject agreements.

The cost estimates were done by PG&E and are conservative. In the interest of time and cost control, staff is trying to get the City's own contractor to do as much construction as possible. Actual costs will be used for the prorated reimbursement.

A complete copy of the agreement is available for review in the office of the City Engineer.

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Alternative

The alternative is to delay and re-draft the agreement as the Council sees fit. The result will be a project delay and potential claim from the Contractor, if the utilities cannot be relocated in time for him to start on schedule.

Fiscal Impacts

Gas and electric relocation estimates stand at \$825,000. The project will be committed to \$412,500 by executing these two agreements. Funds in the amount of \$3.5 million are available in the 2003-04 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget under the Capital Project Funds, to support the project, including this expense.

		
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