



Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 9/28/2021

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Action on a Resolution Approving the Purchase and Sale Agreement for Electric Utility Easement on the South Loop Reconfigure Project

COUNCIL PILLAR

Deliver and Enhance High Quality Efficient Services and Infrastructure

BACKGROUND

The City of Santa Clara's Electric Utility, Silicon Valley Power (SVP), is proposing to construct approximately 3.5 miles of new single and double circuit 60 kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line within the northeastern area of the City of Santa Clara. SVP's primary objective of the South Loop Reconfigure Project (Project) is to accommodate the shift in electrical load demand that is currently being seen on the South Loop Circuit to the East Loop Circuit to increase capacity and system reliability.

On June 16, 2015, the City Council adopted the FY 2015/16 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget which included the initial funding for the engineering for this 60kV reconductoring and upgrading project. On July 12, 2016, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with Electrical Consultants, Inc. to provide transmission line engineering design services which included reconfiguring the south transmission loop. The City Council also took action on January 14, 2020 to amend a service agreement with Valbridge Property Advisors to perform appraisal services as part of the easement acquisition for the Project. On July 7, 2020, the City Council adopted the Negative Declaration and Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project and increased the capital funding of the Transmission System Reinforcements Capital Improvement Program Project (No. 2124) by \$6,300,000.

The majority of the new 60 kV transmission line would be constructed along the following city streets in areas where existing power lines do not currently exist: Lafayette Street, Mathew Street, Martin Avenue and De La Cruz Boulevard. The Project requires the acquisition of thirty-seven (37) parcel easements to facilitate construction of multiple new monopole steel structures and requires either the expansion of existing electric overhead and wire clearance easements or the acquisition of new easements electrical facilities. This report reflects a parcel that has agreed to the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the SVP to acquire the electric utility easement.

DISCUSSION

The City has negotiated the proposed purchase of the easement from the following property owner, upon the terms set forth below.

Address	Grantors	APN	Purchase Price
960 Central Expressway	Owens Corning Insulating Systems, LLC	224-07-099	\$575,000

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City Council adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) [SCH#2020-05-9009] for the project on July 7, 2020 by Resolution No. 20-8869.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the purchase of the electric utility easement are available in the adopted Capital Improvement Program in Project No. 2124 Transmission System Reinforcement.

COORDINATION

This report has been coordinated with the Finance Department and City Attorney's Office.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov <<mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov>> or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt the Resolution approving the purchases of overhead electric easements at 960 Central Expressway [APN 224-07-099]; and
2. Authorize the recordation thereof.

Reviewed by: Manuel Pineda, Chief Electric Utility Officer

Approved by: Deanna J. Santana, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution of Acceptance
2. Agreement for Purchase and Sale - 960 Central Expressway [APN 224-07-099]