

City of Culver City, California  
**City Council Agenda Item Report**

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| Meeting Date: 12/18/06                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | Item Number: <u>A-3</u>                                                                           |  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM: Authorization of Initiation of the Formation of Underground Utility District 10 on that Certain Portion of National Boulevard and Exposition Boulevard between the Southerly Side of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Right-of-Way and the Northern City Limit, Parallel to Venice Boulevard; and Adoption of a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on the Matter.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Contact Person/Dept.: John Rivera/Public Works                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | Phone Number: (310) 253-5616                                                                      |  |
| Fiscal Impact: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | General Fund: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                 |  |
| Public Hearing: <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Action Item: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Public Notification: City's Master Notification List (12/14/06)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Department Approval:<br>Charles D. Herbertson (12/11/06)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | City Manager Approval:<br>Jerry B. Fulwood (12/14/06)                                             |  |
| City Controller Approval:<br>Marlee Chang (12/14/06)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                   |  |
| <p><b><u>RECOMMENDATION:</u></b></p> <p>That the City Council initiate formation of Underground Utility District 10 by adopting a resolution setting a Public Hearing on the matter.</p> <p><b><u>BACKGROUND:</u></b></p> <p>Underground Utility Districts (UUD) are created in order to remove overhead wires and the supporting poles for those wires, as well as to require all future utilities to be installed underground within the UUD. Culver City Municipal Code Section 5.04, et seq. (Attachment 1), details the procedures for formation of a UUD, removal of overhead utility facilities and installation of underground facilities in a UUD. Since 1968, 9 UUDs have been formed in the City.</p> <p><b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b></p> <p>Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has 66,000 volt (66kv) transmission lines within Culver City, along National and Exposition Boulevards. A portion of these lines are in an area which is proposed to be redeveloped through the Culver City Redevelopment Agency. The City is proposing other improvements to the area around the intersection of Venice/ Washington/ National Boulevards as part of the preparation for the future Metropolitan Transit Authority Exposition (EXPO) Light Rail Transit service from Downtown Los Angeles. The proposed plan for the</p> |  |                                                                                                   |  |

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redevelopment of this area will require vacating Exposition Boulevard, between Washington and Venice Boulevards, thereby displacing the existing easement that currently services the SCE transmission lines.

Specifically, the City has discussed with SCE the rerouting and undergrounding of the transmission lines in order to accommodate the needs of the Washington/National and EXPO Light Rail Transit projects. The rerouted lines will be undergrounded within National Boulevard. The proposed UUD is located along National Boulevard, between the southerly side of EXPO Light Rail Transit project right-of-way and the northerly City limits of Culver City south of Venice Boulevard; and Exposition Boulevard, between Washington Boulevard and the northerly City limits of Culver City south of Venice Boulevard, which is illustrated in Attachment 2.

The City has requested that SCE fund the relocation costs for this work through the use of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Rule 20A funds. There is an extensive lead time required, and the undergrounding needs to be completed as quickly as possible in order to accommodate the construction of the anticipated redevelopment and EXPO projects.

In order to use Rule 20A funds, the City must adopt a resolution at a public hearing forming a UUD and authorizing the relocation.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

To underground the facilities, the City is able to use funds accumulated by SCE in accordance with CPUC Rule 20A (Attachment 3). Rule 20A requires formation of a UUD before such funds may be used for a project. No City funds will be required for this project, either for construction or future maintenance.

SCE has estimated the total cost of placing their 66kv transmission lines underground to be approximately \$2 Million.

In order to fund this project, SCE will use both Rule 20A funds that are currently accumulated as well as borrow ahead five (5) years from future Rule 20A fund allocations for Culver City as allowed by PUC regulations.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Culver City Municipal Code Section 5.04, et seq.
2. Map of proposed Underground Utility District 10.
3. California Public Utilities Commission Rule 20A.

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4. Resolution No. 2006-R---.

**MOTION:**

That the City Council initiate the formation of Underground Utility District 10 on that Certain Portion of National Boulevard and Exposition Boulevard between the Southerly Side of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Exposition Light Rail Transit project Right-of-Way and the Northern City Limit, parallel to Venice Boulevard and adopt a resolution setting a Public Hearing on the matter for January 8, 2007.