



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: April 1, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Mark Cuneo, City Engineer *MFC*

Subject: Development of Comprehensive Construction Conditions, Reimbursement Requirements, Notification and Permitting Procedures in connection with the Utility Relocation Phase of the Segment 1 - Subway Construction

Attachments:

INTRODUCTION

At the direction of City Council, staff will bring forward a draft agreement between the City and Metro concerning the Advanced Utility Relocation Phase of the Purple Line Extension Project – Segment 1. The agreement is intended to establish a procedure, process and conditions for the first phase of the project that is anticipated to begin shortly and continue for approximately 30 months. This report is intended to provide an update on that effort and a brief overview of the terms and status of the agreement. A discussion of the draft agreement will be scheduled for Council at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION

Construction of the Purple Line Extension Project – Segment 1 from Western Avenue to La Cienega Boulevard will require several permits from the City of Beverly Hills as well as significant City technical support. The La Cienega Station is proposed to be constructed beneath Wilshire Boulevard between La Cienega Boulevard and Tower Drive. The station will require an excavation measuring approximately 1,000 feet long x 70 feet wide x 80 feet deep. Construction will affect a number of existing City facilities from sewer and water

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lines, to streets and sidewalks, traffic and street lights. Traffic lane closures and traffic detours will be requested by Metro as construction progresses. Work will encompass various types of construction, excavation, exploration and testing. It will also include the use of barricades or other types of pedestrian and traffic control devices.

The first phase of work for advanced utility relocation is scheduled to begin in the 2nd quarter of 2014 and completion is anticipated in the 4th quarter of 2016. The scope of work includes relocating or temporarily supporting existing underground public and private utilities and facilities that conflict with the proposed subterranean station construction. Several thousand linear feet of pipelines and conduits must be relocated/rearranged under Wilshire Boulevard between La Cienega Boulevard and San Vicente Boulevard. Given the scope of this phase of the project, Metro, Utility Contractors and City staff will need to coordinate closely to ensure that construction impacts of the Project are effectively handled with minimum disruption to the community.

In order to protect the City in a comprehensive manner with mitigation provisions applicable to all permits required for the utility relocation phase, a Memorandum of Agreement will be proposed. The purpose of an agreement is to establish the conditions and procedures which Metro and the City will follow in identifying, planning, designing and effecting rearrangements and relocation of facilities in the public right-of-way, the manner in which the City will be reimbursed for costs associated with such activities, and conditions for construction operations that minimize impacts to surrounding community.

The key points to be addressed in the agreement are as follows:

- Establish Metro and City project representatives.
- Permit applications and recommended permit conditions to be presented to City Council for review and approval.
- Two City staff positions to be designated and dedicated to the project.
- Metro to reimburse the City for all costs incurred.
- Development of an emergency contact process for all involved parties and ensuring resources are available 24/7.
- Development of a Community Outreach Plan to provide information to adjacent residents and business in various formats.
- Development of noise and light control plans and implementation of associated mitigation measures.
- Development of a parking control plan to address potential parking impacts.
- Establish timeframes for advance notification of work activities and service interruptions.
- Designate allowable work hours and work days.
- Require a 24/7 public hotline for concerns related to construction disturbances.
- Establish time of day traffic lane requirements for streets in project area and identify acceptable haul routes.

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It is anticipated that Metro will seek exemptions for night-time work and they will request permission to perform the majority of the work associated with the advance utility relocation phase on weekdays between the hours of 8PM and 6AM. Additionally, some daytime and weekend work requests are anticipated.

Staff is planning to seek additional input from the Community on long-term conditions for Metro's construction prior to bringing forward a draft agreement for City Council review and discussion including discussion of any Metro comments on the draft. The goal is to ensure that appropriate standards for construction work in Beverly Hills are applied to the work by Metro in order to minimize impacts to surrounding community including both residents and businesses.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff will return to City Council at future Council meeting to seek input and direction on the terms and conditions of a draft Memorandum of Agreement.

David Lightner



Approved By