



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 26, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR DI RENZO
MURRAY FONTES, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1 WITH BOWMAN & WILLIAMS, A CORPORATION DBA BOWMAN & WILLIAMS, CONSULTING CIVIL ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT FOR PREPARATION OF BASE MAPS AND IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR THE LAKE AVENUE UNDERGROUNDING PROJE

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

Preparation of base maps and improvement plans will assist PG&E with undergrounding overhead utilities on Lake Avenue between Brennan and Union Street and Rodriguez Street.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving Contract Amendment #1 with Bowman and Williams, a corporation to extend the period of the contract for preparation of base maps and improvement plans for the Lake Avenue Underground Project.

DISCUSSION:

On March 25, 2014 the City Council approved Resolution No. 31-14 (CM), creating the Lake Avenue Undergrounding Utility District and designating it as Utility District No. 21 (map attached). By creating the District, the City set a requirement that future electric, telephone and cable television facilities would need to be installed underground. It also allowed the City to enter into an agreement with PG&E to move the existing overhead facilities underground through the [Rule 20A Program](#).

Currently, the Rule 20A Program provides funding to assist cities and counties in converting existing overhead facilities to underground. PG&E administers the Program with funding provided by the utility companies. The Program provides funding for some design and construction. Because of the number of projects requested throughout the State and limited staffing on the part of PG&E, it can take many years for a project to move from creation of a district to construction. The City is providing a base map of the existing area that PG&E will use when preparing improvement plans.

The area of the District includes East Lake Avenue from Union & Brennan Street to Main Street/State Route 152 and West Lake Avenue from Main Street/State Route 152 to Rodriguez Street. Along with the undergrounding, the City plans to replace damaged or non-compliant sidewalk, curb ramps and driveways, remove and replace existing street lighting that does not conform with the downtown style and install lighting where none currently exists. These additional improvements are not financed through the Rule 20A Program, so the City will provide the design and pay PG&E's contractor to do the work.

On 04/14/20, Council approved Resolution No. 43-20 (CM) and a contract with Bowman & Williams, a corporation to assist the City with preparing a base map for the Rule 20A work and improvement plans for the additional work. The work has taken longer than anticipated as City project priorities have increased, staff has therefore not been available to work on the project.

The purpose of Amendment #1 is to extend the term of the contract by three years. While staff anticipates the work to be completed in 2022, additional time is included in the term of the contract to account for any modifications or revisions requested by City or PG&E staff necessary to complete the work. There are adequate funds to complete preparation of the plans.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project will address the following Strategic Plan Goals:

3-Infrastructure & Environment
6-Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None as there is no change to the contract amount.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES:

1. Utility District No. 21 Boundary Map