

Legislation Text

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Community Development Agency, Transportation Division, recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign Easement Deed LD 2110-12-0996, granting to Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Pacific Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T California a Public Utilities Easement across two County-owned parcels, APNs 079-030-13 and 079-030-19, for the Sly Park Road at Clear Creek Bridge Replacement Project, CIP 77115.

FUNDING: There is no funding or cost associated with granting the Easement. The Sly Park Road at Clear Creek Bridge Replacement Project, CIP 77115, is funded by the Highway Bridge Program (86% - Federal), TIM Fees (12% - Local), RSTP Match Funds (1% - State), RSTP Exchange Funds (<1% - State), and Road Fund (<1% - Local).

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Community Development Agency (CDA), Transportation Division (Transportation), recommends the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign Easement Deed LD 2110-12-0996 (Easement), which grants to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and Pacific Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T California (AT&T) a Public Utilities Easement across two County-owned parcels, APNs 079-030-13 and 079-030-19, for the Sly Park Road at Clear Creek Bridge Replacement Project (Project), CIP 77115. Granting the Easement is necessary for the right of way and utility coordination phase of this Project.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Project requires the relocation of two PG&E poles along Sly Park Road. During the preliminary right of way phase, Transportation determined that PG&E had prior rights to the location of the poles. This required the County to obtain easements from several parcels for the new PG&E pole locations. All of the easements on the private properties have been acquired.

The Project also required the County to acquire two parcels, APNs 079-030-13 and 079-030-19, in fee title as their size, shape, and location dictated that the entire parcels be purchased to accomodate the new bridge and approaches. The PG&E pole relocations will shift overhead powerlines across both of these County-owned parcels. Therefore, the County needs to grant an easement to PG&E and AT&T, collectively, across these parcels.

ALTERNATIVES

If the Board does not approve the Easement, the utility companies and the County would need to redesign the pole alignment or the bridge/road alignment to keep the overhead facilites from crossing the two County-owned parcels. Pursuing either of these options would result in additional County expenses and likely delay the Project.

Another option would be to cancel the Project, which may require the County to repay all associated grant funding received.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Easement.

CAO RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no funding or net County cost associated with granting the Easement.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

1) The Clerk of the Board will obtain the Chair's signature on the Easement.

2) The Clerk of the Board will return the original signed Easement to Andrew Gaber, Transportation Deputy Director of the Development/Right of Way/Environmental Unit, for final processing and recording.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Infrastructure and Public Safety

CONTACT

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