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Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
December 11, 2001

**PROJECT NO. CIP 97-182 MYRTLE AVENUE UNDERGROUNDING AND
PROJECT NO. CIP 97-183 LOMA DRIVE UNDERGROUNDING –
STATUS REPORT**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report.

Summary:

This report covers the progress made to date in the two utility undergrounding districts.

Edison has responded to Staff's request for plans and associated costs for removing or replacing the guy pole at the corner of 25th Street and Silverstrand Avenue in the Myrtle District. Staff is in the process of reviewing the proposed plans by Edison. Other than that, no other work remains to be done in the Myrtle District.

In the Loma District, Verizon has almost completed its work in the area, while Adelphia's work has been delayed for a number of reasons. As it stands now, Verizon expects to finish its cut over operations by Mid-December while Adelphia anticipates completing work in the district by the end of December.

Per Staff request Edison has provided City with the costs of relocating the utility pole at the corner of 11th Street and Loma Drive that was to remain within the Loma District. Edison crew also returned to the City in November for three days to install a pole on the corner of 6th Street and Cypress in order to facilitate the completion of Verizon work in the area. As you know, Edison does not plan to return to the district until both Verizon and Adelphia have finished all their work. This will delay the project by at least three months. Staff, therefore, expects the Loma District to be completed by mid-March 2002.

Work Completed:

The substructure installation of ducts for electricity, telephone and cable has been completed per the original design plans. The placement of vaults, pull boxes, hand-holes and laterals to residents, as indicated in the initially drawn plans, have also been completed. Pavement repairs, striping, and final clean up of the reconstructed areas within the districts have been completed as well. The City has accepted the work by Irish Construction Company for both projects.

All utilities in the Myrtle District have been undergrounded. All the utility poles within the Myrtle District have been removed.

The installation of primary and secondary Edison wires on the public right-of-way within the Loma District has been completed. Edison has set up a new pole on the corner of 6th Street and Cypress Avenue.

With the exception of three bocations, Verizon has completed the installation of required pull boxes next to the properties whose cable services have already been undergrounded but are still fed from the risers on nearby poles. Even though Adelphia has been required to install cable vaults at all properties, construction has been delayed due to a number of reasons. Among them is that the crew assigned by Adelphia to perform such work is the same crew taking emergency calls for the entire South Bay area, leaks have been found and fixed in the cable underground system set by their own crew, the company has classified the project as 'very low priority', the crew has been engaged in other City projects per Staff calls, and holidays plus unexpected rainy days have also caused more delays.

Verizon has completed hooking up properties on Sunset Drive and all properties on Loma Drive from Pier Avenue to 8th Street. All associated overhead wires from these properties to the street have been removed. Adelphia has activated its underground system, completed installation of their four vault nodes and hooked up properties on

Sunset Drive from Pier Avenue to 10th Street. The overhead wires for those properties, however, have not been removed.

Work in Progress:

Verizon is completing their cut over work in the Loma District. They are also installing the last three pull boxes for the buildings with underground services but without any connection pathways to the district underground system.

Adelphia has activated its underground system. They are installing the required vaults at a number of locations within the district. Even though requested by Staff, Adelphia had not included their construction designs in the original plans compiled by the Staff, and therefore they have become responsible for any required construction within the district.

Edison has provided the City with the cost of removing the utility pole from the corner of 11th Street and Loma Drive in the Loma District. They have also submitted the plans and associated costs for relocating or removing the guy pole at the corner of 25th Street and Silverstrand Avenue in the Myrtle District. Both poles are within the two districts but were going to remain per the original Edison design plans. Staff is now reviewing these plans to make the final decision before Edison returns to City.

Work Remaining:

Verizon and Adelphia need to complete their conversions in the Loma District. Staff has yet to make a decision with regard to Edison's plans for removal or relocation of the utility pole at the corner of Loma Drive and 11th Street and the guy pole located next to the School at the corner of 25th Street and Silverstrand Avenue.

Edison has to return to the Loma District to complete their conversion work and remove all the poles in the area.

Conclusions:

Staff believes that the Loma District is now at a stage that Edison can resume their work in the area without waiting for the other two utilities to complete their work. The cable and telephone main overhead wires will soon be removed as Verizon and Adelphia complete their cut over operations.

Edison will need at least a month before it reaches the activation stage and hooking up the individual properties to the new underground system. People in the district have observed the degree of progress but have also inquired as to why Edison is absent from the district.

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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