

April 21, 2005

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
April 26, 2005

VERIZON'S "FIBER TO THE PREMISES" PROJECT

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council consider Verizon's request to install approximately 30 above grade electrical cabinets throughout the City as part of their "Fiber to the Premises" (FTTP) project.

Summary:

Verizon has requested Encroachment Permits from the Public Works Department for their FTTP project (see Attachment 1). They have submitted plans that include above grade electrical cabinets at thirty-four (34) locations throughout the City. Staff has field checked all locations to identify the locations that minimize visual impact to residences (see Attachment 2 - Location List and photos). The City Council had requested that Verizon utilize underground vaults in lieu of the proposed cabinets. Verizon has investigated this possibility and has informed the City that it is not technologically feasible at this time to install this equipment below grade. The only vault that they are aware of that would accommodate their needs still has an above grade element that is as large as the cabinets.

If Council approves the use of the above grade cabinets then Public Works will issue the Encroachment Permits.

Attachments:

1. Verizon FTTP information
2. Location list of cabinets plus photos

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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