



Council Agenda Report

From: Ditas Esperanza, Capital Projects Engineer

Subject: Approval of Payment to PG&E to Install Conduits for Power to the South Vine Bridge Lighting System

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, a Class 3 exemption, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15303, which applies to the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

Date: July 16, 2024

Facts

1. The Paso Robles Gateway Annexation project is located northwest of the intersection of Highway 101 and Highway 46 West and includes the development of two hotels with 325 rooms, three commercial centers with approximately 75,600 square feet, a 30,000 square-foot conference center, 17 workforce residential units, and up to 80 resort residential units or a third hotel with 100 rooms.
2. The City Council-approved Development Agreement (DA) requires the realignment of South Vine Street with Theatre Drive, which involves not only construction of a new road, but also construction of a bridge in order to connect to Highway 46 West; this road alignment changes the existing intersection at Theatre Drive and Highway 46 West into a four-way signalized intersection.
3. The bridge design includes a lighting system that will require a power source to be provided by PG&E, and as such, staff applied to PG&E for the power source. PG&E will be installing conduits across Highway 46 West to tie-in into a service drop at the southeast corner of Theatre Drive and Highway 46.
4. The City's Purchasing Policy requires any expenditure in excess of \$100,000 must also be approved by the City Council. PG&E fees to install the infrastructure for this power source is \$285,657.75. Consistent with City's Purchasing Policy, PG&E is the only provider accepted by the Public Utilities Commission to complete the infrastructure work contemplated by this action.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Authorize a payment to PG&E to install infrastructure to provide a power source to the South Vine Bridge Lighting System, in the amount of \$285,657.75; or
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

The construction of the South Vine Street bridge and road realignment is part of the City's DA with the developer of the property. Staff is coordinating construction of the project and anticipates beginning in the next few months. Finalizing project design includes payment to PG&E to provide the infrastructure

required to provide power for the South Vine Bridge Lighting System. In accordance with the DA, the City is responsible for constructing the bridge and road within 7-years of annexation, which occurred on December 20, 2021.

Fiscal Impact

PG&E's fees to install the infrastructure for this power source is \$285,657.75. This was anticipated and included in the adopted project budget, and therefore, no further action is required.

CEQA

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Recommendation (Option 2)

Approve Resolution 24-XXX, authorizing the payment to PG&E to install infrastructure to provide a power source to the South Vine Bridge Lighting System, in the amount of \$285,657.75, and find the action exempt from CEQA.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 24-XXX
2. PG&E Payment Coupon
3. PG&E Design