

BRIEFING PAPER

Subject: Utility Impacts on Seventeenth Street Sidewalk Improvements from Esplanade Avenue to Gimbert Lane Agreement No. D08-097

Project Location: 17th Street from Esplanade Avenue to Gimbert Lane

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Project Description

The project consists of constructing approximately 2320 lineal feet of street improvements on the south side of 17th Street from Esplanade Avenue to Gimbert, 130 lineal feet of shoulder west of Gimbert Lane and storm drain improvements and traffic signal modifications.

Background

Contract (Agreement D08-097) was awarded to Hillcrest Contracting, Inc. on November 25, 2008 for the bid price of \$853,382.00 with 90 working days (18 weeks) allotted to complete the project improvements.

Several unidentified underground utilities were encountered that conflicted with the construction of the proposed storm drain and sidewalk improvements

- An abandoned Southern California Edison (SCE) vault that was not shown on the construction drawings was found to be in conflict with proposed curb and gutter improvements. On June 4, 2009 SCE removed the upper portion of the vault and backfilled the remaining portion of the vault with cement slurry.
- An underground AT&T communication line not shown on the contract drawings was discovered while excavating for the proposed storm drain.
- The existing AT&T line is in direct conflict with the proposed drain connection at Hewes Avenue and 17th Street
- AT&T obtained a permit from the County Property Permit to relocate their line within the roadway right of way. However, on June 2, 2009, AT&T was not able to realign the communication utility as designed since there was insufficient slack in the existing AT&T lines to clear the proposed storm drain.
- Currently, AT&T is redesigning the communication line and will relocate the line by end of July 2009.

Schedule

- Contractor began work on April 1, 2009
- The Contractor was placed on utility delay on April 9, 2009
- Due to the redesign of the AT&T communication lines, the Contractor is expected to resume work the first week of August.
- Construction of the storm drain is expected to be completed in last week of August 2009.
- Construction of the sidewalk and traffic signal modifications are anticipated to be completed by the last week of September 2009.
- The anticipated completion in mid October 2009.