

Underground Utility District (UUD) Program Recommendations

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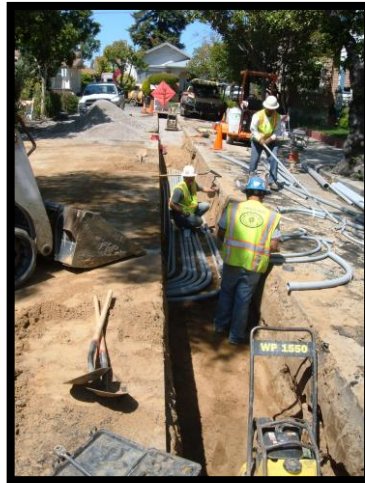
Overview

Agenda

- I. Background
- II. Proposed Districts
- III. Recommendation
- IV. Questions

Background

- The city initiated an effort in 1984 to beautify Alameda by relocating overhead utilities underground.
- This is accomplished by designating **Utility Underground Districts (UUDs)** through a city ordinance. Any overhead utility facilities within the UUD must be converted to underground facilities.
- **Program Funding:** All customers, through a 2% component of AMP's electric revenue, pay into the UUD Fund which funds the undergrounding of overhead utility facilities, pole removals, and street light wire connection.



Background

- About 50% of Alameda is already undergrounded.
- Original UUD Program discontinued in 2012
- Council approved a redesigned UUD Program in 2015.



Redesigned UUD Program

The key changes in the redesigned program includes:

- Criteria for selecting and prioritizing proposed districts have been quantified.
 - The scoring criteria helps to create a more transparent process for selecting districts.
- Customer out-of-pocket costs have been eliminated.
 - Exceptions:
 - Service lateral greater than 100 feet
 - Customer desired panel upgrade
- The process includes multiple opportunities for gathering public input.
 - Public District Nomination Board Meetings
 - Public Town Hall Meetings
 - Directed Survey

UUD Program



Step 1: DNB Nominated Areas

| DNB Rank | |
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| 1 | Otis Dr- High to Broadway and south of Otis Dr including Broadway, Pearl St, Versailles Ave, Mound St, Waterton St and Court St |
| 2 | Webster St. - all crossings - Taylor Ave to Buena Vista Ave including Eagle Ave - West of Constitution Way |
| 3 | Broadway (Buena Vista Ave to Clement Ave) |
| 4 | Broadway - La Jolla Dr to Encinal Ave; La Jolla Dr |
| 5 | Central Ave - Eighth St to Webster St |
| 6 | Fernside Blvd – Encinal Ave to High St, Include lines on Lincoln Park access road |
| 7 | Park St - San Jose Ave to Otis Dr |



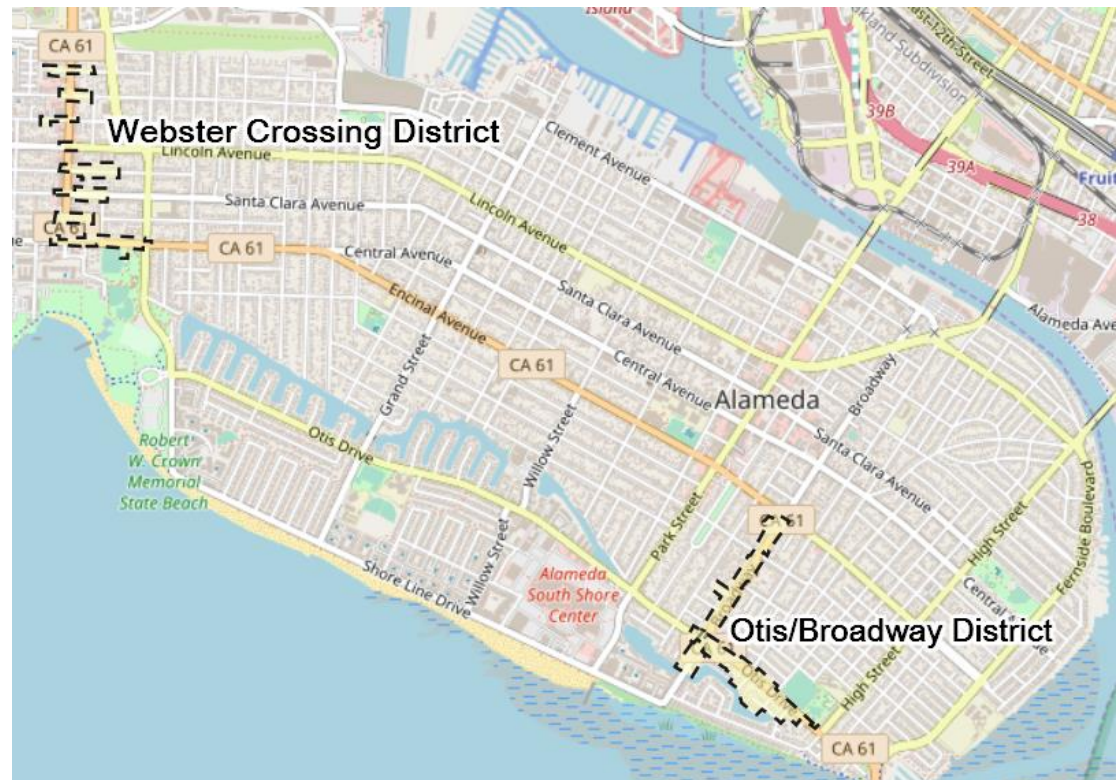
Step 2: TAC Initial Proposal

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Step 2: TAC Proposed Districts

- Otis/Broadway District – along Otis Drive from High Street to Broadway including streets south of Otis Drive (i.e. Pearl Street, Versailles Avenue, Mound Street, Waterton Street and Court Street); and along Broadway from La Jolla Drive to Encinal Avenue.
- Webster Crossings District – all Webster Street crossings from Taylor Avenue to Buena Vista Avenue including Eagle Avenue, west of Constitution Way; and along Central Avenue from Eight Street to Webster Street.



Step 3 & 4: Public Feedback

- **Town Hall Meeting** – February 28, 2018
 - Approximately 25 attendees
 - Majority of attendees were highly supportive of the undergrounding program.
 - A few attendees expressed concern about the construction phase.
- **Survey** - August 2018

| | Invitations Sent | Responses | In Favor | Not In Favor |
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| <u>Otis/Broadway District</u> | 303 | 41 | 40 | 1 |
| <u>Webster Crossings District</u> | 270 | 32 | 18 | 14 |

Step 5: Recommendations/Approval

- Recommend to the City Council Establishment of the **Otis/Broadway Underground Utility District**.
 - 98% of survey responses in favor
- Not recommending the proposed **Webster Crossings District** at this time.
 - Only 56% of survey responses in favor
 - Significant concerns voiced in survey comments
 - History of opposition from previous undergrounding attempt

Next Steps

- Design – 12 to 18 months
- Construction 24 to 36 months

Questions?

