



# Consideration of Undergrounding Additional Overhead Services Related to 365 S. Mathilda Avenue RTC 21-0437

July 13, 2021

# Project Location



# Project Location – Proposed



# SDP Conditions of Approval

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- BP-29 Underground Utilities:
  - Undergrounding along project frontage required (SMC 19.39.095)
  - Underground of utilities beyond project frontage may be eligible for cost reimbursement by City.
- EP-9 Dry Utilities:
  - Developer to conduct analysis (alignment, cost) from pole on Charles westerly
  - City may contribute to cost of undergrounding beyond project frontage.

# Sunnyvale Municipal Code (SMC)

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## SMC 19.38.095 General Requirement:

- Allows Planning Commission or City Council to impose undergrounding requirements other than in the Muni Code
- CDD Director has the ability to waive underground requirements if “...other condition makes underground installation of such facilities unreasonable or impracticable”

# Sunnyvale Municipal Code (SMC)

## SMC 19.38.100 Allocation of costs for undergrounding:

- Costs are equally shared beyond project frontage
- City is not obligated to cost share. City reserves the right to:
  - ◆ Substitute a reasonable and less costly alternative
  - ◆ Require partial undergrounding
  - ◆ Require any reasonable combination of undergrounding, no undergrounding, and conduits to mitigate the visual effects of above-ground service

# Existing Condition



# Alternative 1: cost share n-s (\$101,500)

## Alternative 2: wood pole on Charles St. remains



# Alternative 3: underground from Charles to Florence (budget mod No. 1 - \$399,880)



# Recommendation

## Staff Recommendation

### Alternatives 1 and 2:

- Authorize the use of approximately \$101,500 as a 50% match from Project 802150 Undergrounding Overhead Utilities to extend undergrounding down Charles Street south of the project site; and
- Do not authorize undergrounding of the overhead service distribution line that extends to the west from the joint pole on the east side of Charles Street as part of the project condition of approval and to leave the existing wood pole in place and do not authorize Budget Modification No. 1 in the amount of \$399,880.

# Thank you!

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## Questions?