



Agenda Item # _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Jim Arndt, Director of Public Works
Dana Greenwood, City Engineer
Gilbert Gamboa, Associate Engineer

DATE: February 5, 2008

SUBJECT: Approve appropriation (\$32,000) from the Gas Tax Reserve Fund as payment to Southern California Edison (SCE) for the Undergrounding of Street Light Services on Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council pass a motion to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$32,000 from the Gas Tax Reserve Fund and to approve payment to SCE in the net amount of \$31,712.72 for the design of the undergrounding of street light services and installation of wiring in conjunction with the Manhattan Beach Boulevard Improvement Project.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

The approved and budgeted funds for the Manhattan Beach Boulevard Improvement Project will come from the MTA's Proposition C Local Return Program with the exception of street lighting. The work involved with the undergrounding of street light services on Manhattan Beach Boulevard does not qualify under the Proposition C funding guidelines. Adequate monies for this utility work are available from the Gas Tax Fund. The design of underground service to the street light poles required construction drawings to be developed by SCE. An invoice (\$31,712.72) from SCE has been received by the City for this design work and eventual installation of wiring.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The current fiscal year Capital Improvement Program includes a street project to improve Manhattan Beach Boulevard from Valley Drive to Sepulveda Boulevard. A portion of this project includes the conversion of the current overhead electrical utility feeds to underground conduit services for a section of street lights located between Ardmore and Laurel Avenue.

In May of 2006, the City authorized SCE to develop plans in accordance with their standard design criteria to provide underground conduits to the existing street light locations. The appropriate design plans have been completed and delivered by SCE. Upon approval of the appropriation, staff will process the payment to SCE. In addition, SCE has previously installed ten (10) new concrete street

light poles with conduit stub-outs ready for the underground service as part of a citywide replacement program. This program was completed at no cost to the City.

General Project Schedule

City staff anticipates that the street project will be ready for advertising in the Fall of 2008. In order to avoid construction on a primary arterial entrance to the City's downtown business district during the peak summer tourist season, staff is recommending construction start in February 2009. Construction of the project is expected to last three months. Representatives of local schools possibly affected by the construction have been contacted and given an advance announcement of the project. Staff will continue to work with the schools, businesses and residents affected by the project through a community meeting and providing notices at appropriate points on the project schedule.

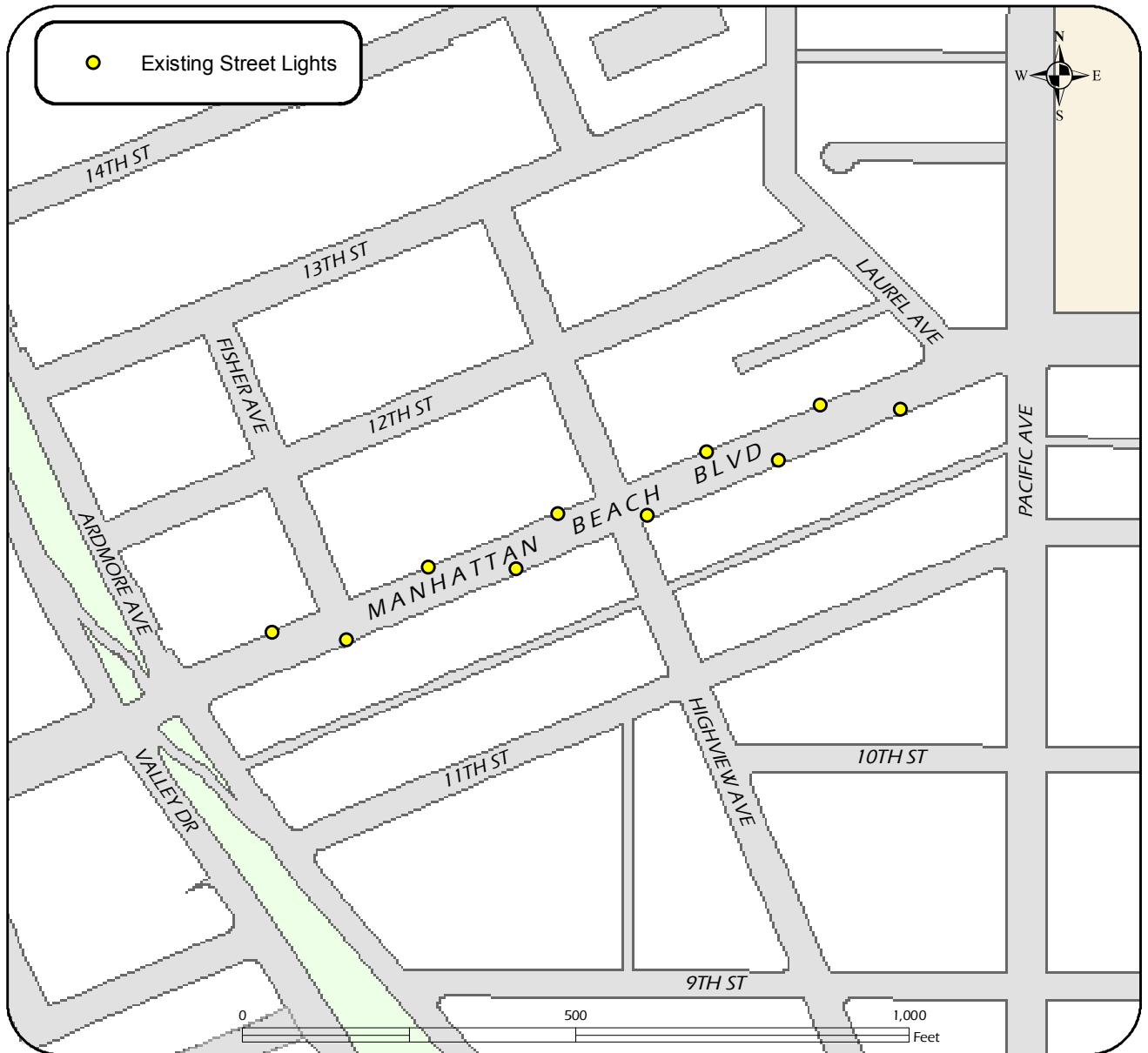
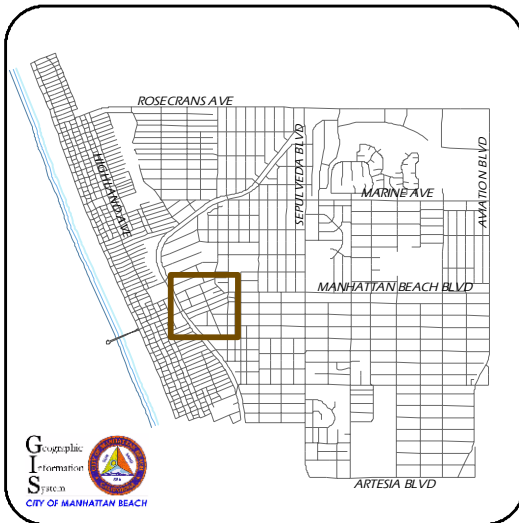
Attachment: Street Light Improvements - GIS Location Map

xc: Henry Mitzner, Controller

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Manhattan Beach Blvd Undergrounding of Street Light Services

~ Ardmore to Laurel ~



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