



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

August 8, 2001

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

Re: Update Report on Location of Electrical Facility for Blue Line Light Rail System

The City has been meeting with staff from the Blue Line Authority and their contractors as well as with representatives of both the Old Pasadena Business Improvement District and the Stathatos family to reach a consensus recommendations on the location of the required electrical box for the operation of the Los Angeles to Pasadena Blue Line.

Information from the contractor is being provided and consultation is on-going. Staff will have a written recommendation for City Council on Monday, August 13, 2001 prior to the City Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

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Agenda Report

DATE: AUGUST 13, 2001
TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: LOCATION OF ELECTRICAL FACILITY FOR BLUE LINE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Pasadena City Council support the relocation of a Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line electrical facility to a location within the Blue Line right-of-way south of Green Street as far south as possible, oriented perpendicular to the Blue Line and adjacent to the entrance to the Blue Line tunnel and contribute one half of the cost of the relocation up to a maximum of \$15,000 provided the adjacent property owner funds half the cost.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line construction, a large electrical facility (facility) is planned to be located within the rail line right-of-way approximately eighteen feet south of Green Street. The electrical facility is roughly forty-one feet long, seventeen feet wide and twelve feet tall. The facility will house a variety of electrical transformers and panels all associated with the signaling equipment for the Blue Line's path through Pasadena. The rail line right-of-way is approximately forty feet wide south of Green Street.

The Blue Line Construction Authority plans to install the electrical facility at-grade within the rail right-of-way and above the rail line's below-grade tunnel as it progresses northerly from the Del Mar rail station. The Stathatos Family owns property on either side of the Blue Line and right-of-way and has proposed to develop a mixed-use project on their property and above the rail line. They are seeking to relocate the facility to an area that has the least impact on future development. The Construction Authority is willing to consider locating the facility to another location if the additional costs are paid for.

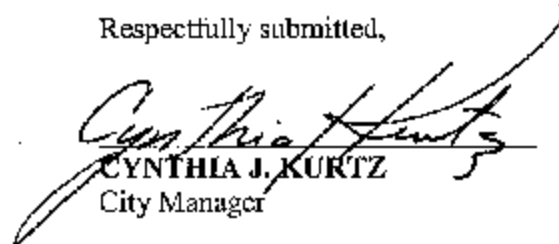
Staff has met with the Blue Line, Kiewit/Washington (the contractor), and representatives from the Stathatos family to explore a variety of options for the location of the facility. The contractor provided cost estimates for moving the electrical facility to several locations. The option to locate the facility below grade, on the Stathatos owned site was estimated to cost between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000. The Stathatos family, after examining the costs of each alternative, concurs with staff's recommendation that, moving their facility as far south as possible is the best alternative at this time. Further, they have committed to fund one-half of the cost of the relocated facility.

This location will provide a barrier between the tunnel opening and the right-of-way and provides flexibility for development north of the facility. This location also eliminates areas that are difficult to observe and maintain within the right-of-way south of Green Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approve a Journal Voucher appropriating \$15,000 from the Proposition A Reserve for Future Light Rail Projects to relocate the Light Rail Transformer and Electrical Box from current location to 50 feet south.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

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Attachments