

# CITY OF OAKLAND



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**Subject: City of Oakland v. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Veteran Power Infrastructure, Accurate Sawcutting, Inc., and Does 1 to 10**  
**Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 25CV136869**  
**City Attorney File No. CE05460**  
**(Information Technology Department – Property Damage)**

President Jenkins and Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Charter, the City Attorney has prepared and requests your approval of a resolution authorizing compromise and settlement of the above-entitled claim by the City for the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-Nine Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$350,269.11), payable to the City of Oakland.

This claim arises out of property damage to ninety-eight (98) Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”) fiberoptic cables caused by Veteran Power Infrastructure (“VPI”), a subcontractor of PG&E, on August 15, 2022. The damage, located at 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and International Boulevard, caused service impacts for CalTrans, AC Transit, and the City of Oakland. VPI’s insurer has agreed to settle with the City for \$350,269.11. This amount represents the cost of the temporary repair, the full repair, some contingencies and staff time. The City will reimburse \$116,756.37 of this settlement to CalTrans and \$47,281.37 of this settlement to AC Transit, representing their proportional shares.

The approved settlement in the amount of \$350,269.11 resolves all of the City’s claims, avoids further litigation, and is in the City’s best interest. As part of the settlement, the City will dismiss a lawsuit it had filed against PG&E, VPI, and VPI’s subcontractor.

The City Council authorized settlement of this case in Closed Session on Thursday, September 18, 2025 (moved by President Pro-Tem Noel Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Rowena Brown - 7 Ayes, 1 Excused – Councilmember Janani Ramachandran).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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