

November 4, 2020

Oakland City Council Members
City of Oakland
1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: Contract Authority for Utility Cost-Share Paving Projects with EBMUD

Dear City Council Members,

On behalf of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), I am writing this letter to express our support for the approval of the Contract Authority for Utility Cost-Share Paving Projects with EBMUD at your November 10, 2020 City Council meeting. This partnership between the City and EBMUD will meet the City's pavement requirements, reduce the construction impacts to the West Oakland community, and create future opportunities to expand cooperation on paving projects with EBMUD for other streets within the City.

In September 2020, EBMUD completed over two and half miles of water main replacements within the West Oakland neighborhood along the streets of Helen, Louise, Union, Magnolia, Adeline, Linden, and Filbert between 19th and 34th streets. This project was part of our Pipeline Rebuild Program to improve our water distribution system by replacing aging water mains with a history of breaks and leaks. The remaining task for this project is the final paving.

Typically, EBMUD paves the portion of the street where excavation occurred to meet the City's Public Work Standards for Street Excavation Rules, which would only require one-lane or 13 feet of pavement restoration along the pipeline alignment. However, for this project EBMUD and the City collaborated to develop a reasonable partnership to more comprehensively pave these streets curb-to-curb. In addition, there will be some streets paved where no pipeline was replaced. By approving this Contract Authority, the community will benefit from both an improved water system and fully paved neighborhood streets.

EBMUD has over nine miles of water main replacement projects planned within the City over the next year. With the City's Paving Plan to rehabilitate over 40-miles per year, the possibility for partnering on future paving projects is very high. This collaboration will benefit the City, EBMUD, and the community we both serve by reducing costs and neighborhood impacts, while improving more City streets.

EBMUD appreciates your thoughtful consideration for approving the Contract Authority and supports this partnership with the City.

Sincerely,



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