

Legislation Text

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Discussion regarding utility coordination on capital projects throughout the City.

This presentation provides an opportunity for the Capital Improvements Engineering Department to provide more specific information for the process of how and when utility relocations initiated and coordinated for City Transportation capital projects. Also, to provide an update on the status of Utility Relocations within the City of Pflugerville and corresponding Capital Improvements Project.

We have invited Utility Providers in a work session format meeting to show support and collaboration for progress on current and future City capital projects. A quick outline of the process will be provided by City Team and then Utility Providers will share their process and progress of their specific involvement with City capital projects.

City currently has 12 projects undergoing Utility Relocations or Utility Coordination to pave the way for construction and Teams coordinate via communications through monthly, quarterly or project specific meeting discussions. There are currently 10 Utility Providers identified on various projects with a combination of none, minimal, or major conflicts that may lie within City Right-of-Way along transportation capital projects.

City of Pflugerville traditionally coordinates with dry and wet utility providers in advance of construction through the design process to plan, identify, coordinate and request relocations. Projects occasionally encounter utility facilities both buried and above ground with many conditions that may result in the need to coordinate proposed construction improvements around or to relocate said utility facilities.

City Capital Improvement projects may provide Utility Providers an opportunity to install new utility facilities, upgrade existing facilities, mitigate existing unsafe, conflicting, or hazardous conditions and allow for resolving conflicts with proposed capital improvements as well define updated cost responsibilities. The City Team has been coordinating with the varying organizations for utility conflicts for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) slated for construction over the next five (5) to ten years (10) and request continuous communication when utility has been relocated and conflict removed. City Team has initiated and maintain a monthly and/or quarterly coordination meetings for shared updates to determine movement for a project to the advertisement/bidding phase.

While certain Utility Providers may have the right to place facilities within City Right-of-Way, as authorized by Texas State laws, or other means within an approved utility easement, the City maintains and reserves all rights and authority under laws to make full use of the Right-of-Way as

may be reasonably necessary or convenient in the operations of the public streets, walks, drainage facilities or drainage ways, or public infrastructure under control of the City. City coordinates and collaborates with Utility Providers as necessary to request relocations prior to proceeding with construction and hope to improve efficiencies as well as timelines for relocations in more timely manner.

**Prior City Council Action** None.

**Deadline for City Council Action** N/A

 Funding Expected: Revenue \_\_\_ Expenditure \_\_\_ N/A \_X\_

 Budgeted Item: Yes \_\_ No \_\_ N/A \_X\_

 Amount: \_\_\_N/A \_\_\_\_

 1295 Form Required? Yes \_\_ No \_X\_

 Legal Review Required: N/A \_X\_ Required \_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting documents attached:** Draft Presentation

**Recommended Action** Discuss only.