

**City of Oakland
Public Works Agency
Department of Infrastructure & Operations
Electrical Services Division
Update 4 – April 2006**

**UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT No. 233,
“MacArthur Boulevard Underground Project”
from 73rd Avenue to the San Leandro Border**

and

**MacArthur Streetscape Improvements Project
Portions of the area from 73rd Avenue to the San Leandro Border**

PROJECT UPDATE 4

THE MACARTHUR UNDERGROUND PROJECT & THE MACARTHUR STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The MacArthur Underground Project is in full swing. It broke ground on December 19, 2005 and as of today, April 24, 2006, in just four months of construction, the Contractor has trenched throughout the 13 city blocks that constitute Area 1 of the project. The work in Area 1 is more than 67% complete. As they approach the 100% completion mark the work get more challenging to complete: things that were waiting for the tough decision comes to a head and has to be faced. The City and its partners and the Contractor and its sub-contractors on this project will make those decisions to facilitate the project. Once the area is complete, it will be turned over to the City and the utility companies for installing streetlights and utility systems.

The MacArthur Streetscape Improvements Project is planned to follow the undergrounding.

The projects span two council districts, but so far, the work is located in Council District 7:

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- District 6
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WHAT IS THE CONTRACTOR DOING NOW

Underground Construction Company is the Contractor and they are currently completing the area that is opened up for trenching. The intent is to complete all the work in the open trenches and make them ready to turn-over to the City and the utility partners. As the work by the prime contractor wind down in the weeks ahead in Area 1, the level of construction activity would continue un-abated in this area. The work by the subcontractor W. F. Anderson Electric on the panel conversions will step up. It may not be as visible because a portion of Anderson Electric's work is inside the properties. Anderson Electric will convert the electric services to the properties. Anderson Electric will modify the services from overhead fed to underground fed. This is a particularly complex undertaking, because Anderson Electric needs to abide by all the electric code requirements as well as follow the requirements of City Electrical Inspection and the rules and requirements of the electric utility company PG&E. Anderson Electric will work with PG&E to complete the panel conversion and energize the power system. Once the new underground service is operational, Anderson Electric will remove the remaining parts of the old overhead service on the building.

SAFETY CONCERN

Loud and heavily loaded construction vehicles are working in the area. These vehicles tend to block visibility, and the rain and bad weather did not help. The public may notice that the Contractor was unable to work on certain rain days. Safety remains a priority as always. The residents must obey all posted warning sign and stay away from temporary covers over partially completed work. Never cross red coned area and yellow caution taped zones. It can cause you harm if you violate those warning signs.

TIMELINE FOR THE PROJECT (12/2005 – 10/2008)

The Contractor has submitted new schedule, and it appears the construction of the substructure will finish slightly earlier than originally planned. The work by the City and its Partners - PG&E, AT&T (SBC) and Comcast - will follow the work by the Contractor. See the expanded schedule below:

- (1) Area No. 1: From the San Leandro border to 98th Avenue, 12/2005 – 8/2007.
 - Work by Contractor to build the substructure 12/2005 – 5/2006
 - Work by City to install streetlight 5/2006 – 7/2006
 - Work by PG&E to install electric power 7/2006 – 12/2006
 - Work by AT&T (SBC) to install telephone 7/2006 – 12/2006
 - Work by Comcast to install cable (TBD)
- (2) Area No. 2: From 98th Avenue to 82nd Avenue, 5/2006 – 12/2007.
 - Work by Contractor to build the substructure 5/2006 – 9/2006

- Work by City to install streetlight 9/2006 – 11/2006
- Work by PG&E to install electric power 1/2007 – 6/2007
- Work by AT&T (SBC) to install telephone 1/2007 – 6/2007
- Work by Comcast to install cable (TBD)

(3) Area No. 3: From 82nd Avenue to 73rd Avenue, 9/2006 – 10/2008.

- Work by Contractor to build the substructure 9/2006– 1/2007
- Work by City to install streetlight 1/2007 – 3/2007
- Work by PG&E to install electric power 7/2007 – 12/2007
- Work by AT&T (SBC) to install telephone 7/2007 – 12/2007
- Work by Comcast to install cable (TBD)

The schedule is a very rough attempt and intend to show the sequence of the events as they unfold. Note that only some of the items planned are shown and the schedule and priority can change without notice.

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