




Florida's Dynamic Waterfront Community

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chair and Members, CRA Board of Commissioners
City of Riviera Beach, Florida

FROM:  Scott Evans, Interim Executive Director, Riviera Beach CRA

DATE: May 17, 2018

SUBJECT: A Resolution authorizing payment to Century Link (Formerly Level3 Communications) for the next segment of the Overhead Utilities Burial Project along the Broadway/US-1 Corridor & Marina District in accordance with the approved project budget.

Request for Board Action

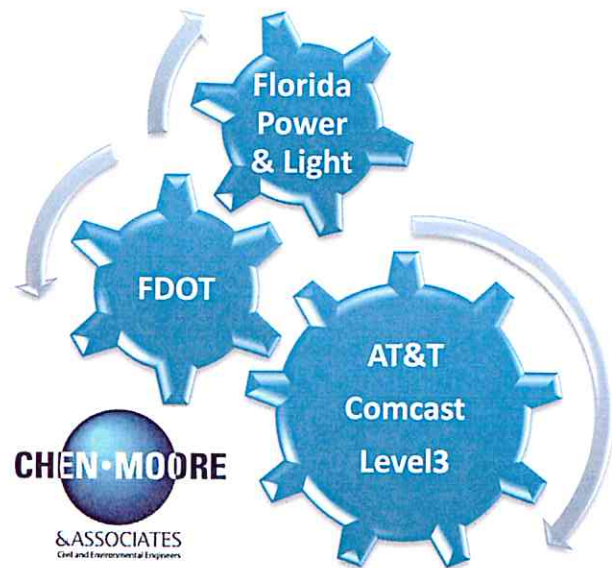
The Agency is requesting the Board of Commissioners to approve a resolution authorizing payment in the amount of \$71,132.24 for the next segment in the burial of overhead utilities within the Broadway/US-1 corridor and Marina District. The project is part of the CRA's approved capital improvement plan and is approved in the adopted CRA Plan. The attached resolution will bury the next segment of Utilities that have been planned for underground installation starting on the west side of Broadway and extending in the Marina District. Broadway utility conversion project is a multi-utility undergrounding project within the Community Redevelopment Area. The CRA, as part of the long range plan and capital improvements for the Broadway Corridor and the Marina District, has embarked on the infrastructure improvement that will remove all overhead facilities in designated phases. Installing underground lines will beautify the US-1 Corridor and will protect/harden the utility services. The project is focused on the Broadway Corridor and the Marina District.

Project Schedule & Estimate Timeline:

August 2018	Final Easements Completed	Upon Approval of the Old 13 th Street ROW Abandonment the projects final Easements will be finalized.
September 2018	FPL & AT&T Final Design & Engineering	Upon final Easements the FPL Final Engineering and AT&T design can be completed
October 2018	FPL & AT&T Utility Burial Contract	CRA Board to review and approve the FPL & AT&T construction contracts.
December 2018	FPL & ATT Construction	East Side Burial of FPL
December 2018	Private Property Connections started	New Business connections completed and underground system energized
April 2020	Removal of Overhead Completed Beginning of New FDOT Pedestrian Lighting Project	Final Step is removal of the deactivated overhead equipment, and final ROW restoration. Once Completed the FDOT pedestrian lighting enhancement project can proceed on the East side of Broadway.

Project Coordination & Status:

Level 3 Communications aka Century Link, has received a Utility Permit from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the proposed work and has completed the majority of their underground burial work with the Broadway/US-1 corridor. To date the project has completed the underground burial of Comcast, portion of Level 3 Communications, and communication utilities: Fiberlight, and Fibernet (FPL). The project is coordinated by the CRA Engineering Consultant Chen-Moore.



Recommendation

CRA Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution authorizing payment of \$71,132.24 to Century Link Utility (Formerly Level 3 Communications) Utility companies to complete construction of the current phase of undergrounding of their utility lines within the Broadway Corridor and Marina District. The Utility companies shall be responsible for obtaining permits from FDOT and for performing their own relocation/burial work and ROW restoration. Completion of this segment and the overall project will showcase a new Broadway corridor absent of the unattractive overhead wires and encumbrances that now exist.

This Capital Improvement Project was added to the adopted CRA Plan in 2011 as a concerted effort to transform the Broadway Corridor, through street improvements, landscaping, and new development regulations.



Broadway/US-1 before Improvements (above)



Broadway/US-1 after Utility Burial and Street Improvements (Landscaping, Decorative Lighting)
The Street Improvements have been completed. **The next phase of lighting improvements includes new decorative pedestrian lighting on the East side of Broadway scheduled to follow the completion of the Utility Burial Project.**