RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a Utility Agreement with American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) in the amount of $83,688.20 for the cost of relocating their facilities to accommodate the French Camp Road/I-5 Reconstruction Project.

It is further recommended that the motion authorize the City Manager to execute the above mentioned AT&T agreement, and to take appropriate actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this motion.

Summary

The City is the lead agency for the French Camp Road/I-5 Interchange Reconstruction project. Construction of this project is 65 percent complete, with final completion expected in the fall of 2014. The apportionment of cost for the relocation of utilities on State highway projects must follow the Statewide Master Agreement between Caltrans and the particular utility company. According to the Master Utility Agreement between Caltrans and AT&T, the lead agency for a project is required to pay 50 percent of utility relocation costs for projects within State right-of-way. A separate project agreement is required for each project. Total AT&T relocation costs are $167,346.40. The proposed agreement between the City and AT&T will provide reimbursement in accordance with the Caltrans Statewide Master Agreement in the amount of $83,688.20. Reimbursement will be from project funds appropriated as part of the FY 2011-12 Capital Improvement budget.

DISCUSSION

Background

The French Camp Road/I-5 Interchange Reconstruction project is associated with two other projects: 1) Sperry Road Extension from Performance Drive to French Camp Road, and 2) Manthey Road Relocation west of I-5. Both of these projects have been completed and are open to traffic.

The Sperry Road Extension project added approximately one mile of new roadway that connects to the French Camp Road/I-5 interchange. Because Sperry Road would increase traffic volumes at the interchange, the French Camp Road/I-5 Interchange Reconstruction and Manthey Road Relocation projects were required to accommodate and mitigate traffic impacts to the interchange, mainline I-5, and the frontage road network. Proposed modifications at the interchange include the relocation and...
widening of on- and off-ramps, signalization of ramp/street intersections, relocation of Val Dervin Parkway, and new loop on-ramps. The interchange reconstruction will also construct auxiliary lanes on I-5 between French Camp Road and Downing Avenue, and realign a portion of French Camp Road to facilitate its connection with the extension of Sperry Road at a signalized intersection.

AT&T is required to relocate its facilities that are in conflict with the project improvements. The apportionment of cost for the relocation of utilities on State highway projects follows the Statewide Master Agreement between Caltrans and the particular utility company. According to the Master Utility Agreement between Caltrans and AT&T, the lead agency for a project is required to pay 50 percent of utility relocation costs for projects within State right-of-way. A separate project agreement is required for each project.

Present Situation

Currently, the French Camp Road/I-5 Interchange Reconstruction project is 65 percent complete, with final completion expected in the fall of 2014 (Attachment A).

AT&T was required to relocate poles, lines, fiber optic cables, and vaults that were in conflict with the planned work. Staff submitted the Utility Agreement to AT&T in advance of work commencing. However, AT&T was unable to approve the agreement in accordance with the project schedule. Therefore, in order to avoid delays to the contractor, AT&T proceeded with the work prior to approval. The total cost of AT&T's relocation is $167,376.40. In accordance with Caltrans' Statewide Master Agreement, the proposed Utility Agreement between the City and AT&T will provide reimbursement in the amount of $83,688.20 (Attachment B).

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Funding to accommodate this utility relocation is included in the Measure K Renewal Cooperative Agreement with San Joaquin Council of Governments, which was approved by Council on February 7, 2012. Sufficient Measure K funds were appropriated into Account 080-9945-640 PW9945 in the 2011/2012 Capital Improvement Program; therefore, no further appropriations are required at this time.

Staff recommends that the motion authorize the City Manager to execute the above mentioned AT&T agreement, and to take other appropriate actions necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this motion.

There is no impact to the City's General Fund or to any other unrestricted fund as a result of taking the recommended actions.

Attachment A - Vicinity Map
Attachment B - Utility Agreement with AT&T