

HOLLIS STREET PROJECT
6050 HOLLIS STREET
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May 4, 2020

TO: Emeryville City Council citycouncil@emeryville.org

CC: Sheri Hartz – City Clerk: shartz@emeryville.org

RE: May 5, 2020 – City Council Agenda Item 11.1 / ID-2020-183 / North Hollis Undergrounding District

Dear Council Members,

We are the property owners of the business complex known as The Hollis Street Project. We have read through the City of Emeryville's Agenda item related to the proposed North Hollis Undergrounding District and we are unclear about the funding sources for the project and potential impacts to property owners in the area.

The Staff Report Mentions the limited funding available in the Capital Improvement Program's North Hollis Underground District Project (ST-14). The information sheet for ST-14 in the General Plan shows the Anticipated Cost of the project totaling \$14,000,000.

The following Funding Sources are indicated as:

Unfunded:	\$6,250,000
PG&E Rule 20A:	\$1,000,000
General Capital Fund	\$6,250,000

Where is the City proposing to find the funds for the "Unfunded" amount listed here?

In addition, the City's Staff Report declares that ***"private property owners are responsible to provide and maintain any facility changes on their premises to accommodate the undergrounding" and "private property owners are responsible for the cost and timely installation associated with upgrading their building to accept the new underground utility connection"***. These are significant financial burdens to property owners.

Until the funding sources are more clearly defined and the potential financial impacts to property owners in the district are more clearly described, The Hollis Street Project is in opposition.

During these uncertain times of the Covid pandemic, we hope that the City would not be placing the burden of a cosmetic undergrounding program on property and business owners in the area.

Sincerely,

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