

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ron Cortez
General Services Director

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SUBJECT: Resoultion - Cooperative Use of Underground Communications Conduits

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt the attached resolution that allows the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara to jointly develop and use underground communications conduit facilities.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal Number 1: An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara both utilize underground communications conduits for the purpose of networking facilities within the City of Santa Barbara with fiber optic cable. The installation of the underground conduits is expensive, but is typically a one-time expense that pays for itself very quickly when compared to ongoing costs for leased facilities or circuits from a telephone utility.

There are frequent opportunities for the City and the County to share existing conduit facilities and to collaborate with the development of new facilities and avoid duplication of effort and expense. The attached resolution will allow the County and City to coordinate efforts and share facilities when it is practical to do so. There are several County and City projects that will immediately benefit from this resolution.

A companion resolution will be submitted to the Santa Barbara City Council for approval in November.

Mandates and Service Levels:

None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Immediate and future infrastructure cost savings for the City and the County.

Special Instructions:

Send a copy of the signed resolution to General Services ITS, attention Dennis Kirby.

Concurrence:

None