



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 20, 2024

FROM: PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT WARD: 2

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF RIVERSIDE AND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF WIRELINE FACILITIES ON TWO CITY OWNED WOODEN POLES FOR AN INITIAL TEN-YEAR TERM

ISSUE:

Approve the Agreement between the City of Riverside and the University of California Riverside for the attachment of wireline facilities on two city owned wooden poles.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for the attachment of wireline facilities on two City owned wooden utility poles, at the rates set forth; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Agreement for the attachment of wireline facilities to City owned wood utility poles as set forth in said agreement.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On July 22, 2024, the Board of Public Utilities voted unanimously (with Members Polichetti and Siana absent) to recommend that the City Council approve the Agreement for the attachment of wireline facilities on two City owned wooden utility poles, at the rates set forth.

BACKGROUND:

The University of California (UCR) is currently working on expanding their fiber optics system to provide internet services to the Agricultural Operations Center Building. To accomplish the system expansion of their facilities, UCR will need to cross Martin Luther King Boulevard by attaching to two existing electric utility wooden poles.

On January 14, 2019, the Board of Public Utilities recommended the City Council approve the Master License Agreement (MLA) for the installation of small cell wireless antennas and

equipment onto City streetlights and wood utility poles at multiple locations throughout the city to facilitate the deployment of small cell technology.

On March 12, 2019, the City Council approved the MLA as recommended by the Board of Public Utilities.

The MLA, along with applicable law, establishes a framework under which a Licensee will have access to certain City facilities and City-provided electrical power for attachment of various wireline and wireless facilities and (if applicable) the construction of facilities within City rights-of-way.

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) is now seeking approval of an Agreement, similar to the MLA, between the City of Riverside and the University of California Riverside (UCR), for the attachment of wireline facilities on two city owned wood poles.

DISCUSSION:

UCR's project consists of the underground fiber optic expansion from Canyon Crest Drive, north of Martin Luther King Boulevard, to the Agricultural Operations Building located south of Martin Luther King Boulevard, west of UCR's Parking Lot 30. The scope of work includes the aerial crossing of Martin Luther King Boulevard at that intersection with attachments to existing electric utility poles.

The execution of the agreement will allow for the installation of Network Equipment owned and operated by UCR, at two RPU poles, pole 95-18144J-62 and pole 90-18145J-14, located in the vicinity of Martin Luther King Boulevard and the Gage Canal.

UCR's fiber optic cable will be provided and installed by their contractor and will be subject to applicable requirements in accordance with Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 19.530 - Wireless Facilities, which includes a design review and a conditional use permit. These procedures are intended to permit wire and wireless facilities that blend with their existing surroundings and not negatively impact the environment, historic properties, or public safety.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 6 Infrastructure, Mobility and Connectivity and Goal 6.2 – Maintain, protect, and improve assets and infrastructure within the City's built environment to ensure and enhance reliability, resiliency, sustainability, and facilitate connectivity.

This item aligns with EACH of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The approval of the agreement will allow UCR, an important member of the community, to perform the installation of their network equipment, helping to build community trust and resulting in a greater public good.
2. **Equity** – The installation of network equipment by UCR ensures the equitable distribution of services within the campus community, sharing the benefits of community progress.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – All fees related to this project will be governed by California State Assembly Bill (AB) 1027, signed into law on October 8, 2011.

4. **Innovation** – RPU is committed to collaborate with other utilities and communications providers, including wirelines and wireless, supporting creative solutions to meet the needs of the community members, effectively and efficiently by providing innovative infrastructure improvements.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – RPU is preparing for the goals set by the city to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040 and to ensure that new system upgrades provide grid operators the ability to monitor and respond to system disturbances in a more safe and timely manner, including identifying third party attachers to existing facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action will result in revenue over the ten-year term of this agreement is the amount of \$537. Upon execution of the Agreement between the City of Riverside and the University of California Riverside, the licensee would pay a one-time processing fee of \$67, and an annual ongoing license fee of \$47 equal to \$470 over the 10-year term of the agreement into Electric Fund, Pole Attachments revenue account number 0000510-373125.

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Attachments:

1. Agreement
2. Project Site Map
3. July 22, 2024, Board of Public Utilities Meeting Minutes
4. Presentation