CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E., Director of Public Works

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT:

W.W. White from Rigsby to Lord

DATE:

March 27, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance appropriates funds and provides for payment in the amount of \$53,000.00 payable to Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. from 1994 General Obligation (G.O.) Drainage Improvement Bond funds for the relocation of their underground facilities in connection with the W.W. White from Rigsby to Lord project located in Council District 2.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This project provides for drainage improvements along W.W. White from Rigsby to Lord, on Rigsby from W.W. White to Salado Creek, and along Sea Breeze, Dell Crest, and Odessa. During the review process, a conflict in alignment was identified between the underground SBC facilities and the City's proposed storm drainage box culvert that crosses Rigsby Avenue near Comanche Park. Because this project does not involve street widening or straightening. SBC will not pay for the relocation of their facilities. SBC interprets state statute (Texas Utilities Code Sec. 54.203) to require relocation of utility lines at their expense only in the event of municipal street widening or straightening. The City agrees in this instance to pay for these services while reserving its rights to later seek reimbursement from SBC and is tracking the cost of each project related to SWB relocation expenses. This project is currently near design completion. This project is scheduled to advertise for bids March 2003, begin construction April 2003, and be completed by October 2004.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Approval of this ordinance will be a continuation of City Council policy to complete previously approved 1994 G.O. Drainage Improvement Bond funded Capital Improvements Projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is a one-time capital improvement expenditure within budget and included in the Capital Improvement Program budget. This item represents a portion of a total estimated City project cost of \$5,097,773.00. Funds in the amount of \$53,000.00 are available from 1994 G.O. Drainage Improvement Bond funds and authorized payable to SBC.

COORDINATION

This request for ordinance has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

The Discretionary Contracts Disclosure statement required by the Ethics Ordinance is not required.

ATTACHMENT

I. Project Map

II. SWBT letter, dated December 5, 2003

Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E.

Director of Public Works

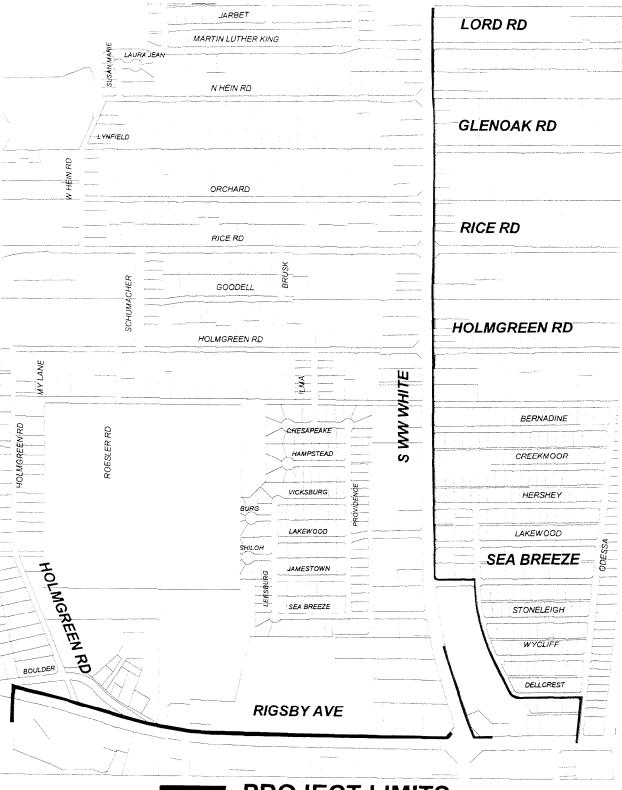
Melissa Byrne Vosemer

Assistant City Manager

Approved:

City Manager

W.W. WHITE: RIGSBY TO LORD RD.









December 5, 2002 Anibal A. Gutierrez Jr. P.E., R.P.L.S. Project Manager City of San Antonio

RE: WW White: Rigsby to Lord

Dear Anibal,

After further review of the project stated above, Southwestern Bell will be requesting reimbursement for the amount of \$53,000. This cost will be for the lowering of an existing 9-way conduit run, 300 ft. at station marker 1009+19.98. This work is for the purpose of drainage culverts and does not consist of street widening or straightening. Please contact Brian Bednardz at (210) 804-2714 so that a Customer Work Order and a Letter of Agreement can be initiated.

If you have any questions, call me at (210) 820-6229

Sincerely,

Louis Jimenez

Mgr. Civic Coordinator

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Cc: Ernest Martinez, Area Mgr. Eng.

Rudy Trevino, Area Mgr. Const.

Ray Akridge, Mgr. Eng

Hugh Guillen, Civic Coordinator C.O.S.A.