

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 19**

TO: Mayor and City Council

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

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SUBJECT: City Public Service Utility Conversion at Medical Dr. & Ewing Halsell Rd. Intersection

DATE: March 27, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes City Public Service (CPS) to appropriate funds in the amount of \$497,664.88 from the CPS Overhead Conversion Fund for the construction of CPS infrastructure within the limits of the Medical Dr. and Ewing Halsell project located in Council District 8. This project is an authorized 2001 Certificates of Obligation project.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Medical Dr. at Ewing Halsell Rd. Intersection Improvement project involves the addition of right turn lanes for all segments of the intersection to include new traffic signals and landscaping. This project will reduce traffic congestion in the immediate area and provide a unique entrance into the Medical Center. Due to the limits of this intersection project within the Medical Center Area 2003 CPS Utility Conversion Project, the design of this project includes the addition of underground concrete duct banks to be utilized for future CPS conversion from overhead to underground. The consulting fees for this project are being provided by the Medical Center Alliance (MCA) who also funded Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. (SBC) conversions from overhead to underground. All other overhead utilities within the project limits are in the process of being converted to underground. This item is part of a larger presentation, which was given to City Council during the "B" Session on April 11, 2002.

In partnership with the MCA, the Medical Dr. at Ewing Halsell Rd. Intersection Improvement Project is part of the Medical Center Improvements. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,578,664.88. Of this amount the City is funding \$557,000.00 from 2001 Certificates of Obligation Funds, MCA is funding \$524,000.00 and CPS is funding \$497,664.88. This project is currently advertising with an anticipated construction start date in April 2003 and completion by October 2003. When the construction contract is approved in April of 2003, the selected contractor will perform the underground conversion work to be funded by CPS at an estimated amount of \$497,664.88.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Approval of this ordinance will be a continuation of City Council policy to complete previously approved 2001 Certificates of Obligation funded Capital Improvements Projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is a one-time capital improvement expenditure within budget. Funds in the amount of \$497,664.88 are available from the CPS Utility Conversion Fund.

COORDINATION

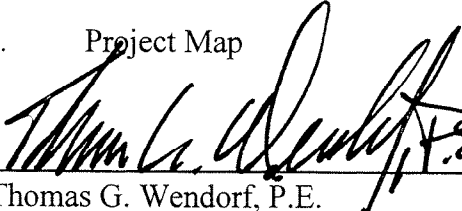
This request for ordinance has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.

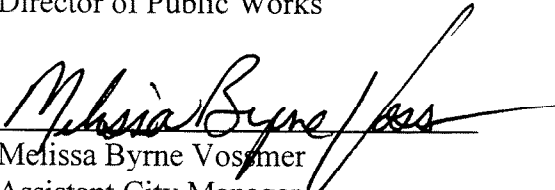
SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

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

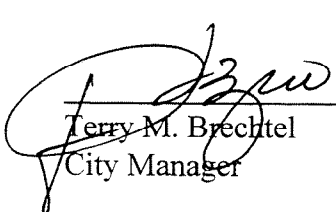
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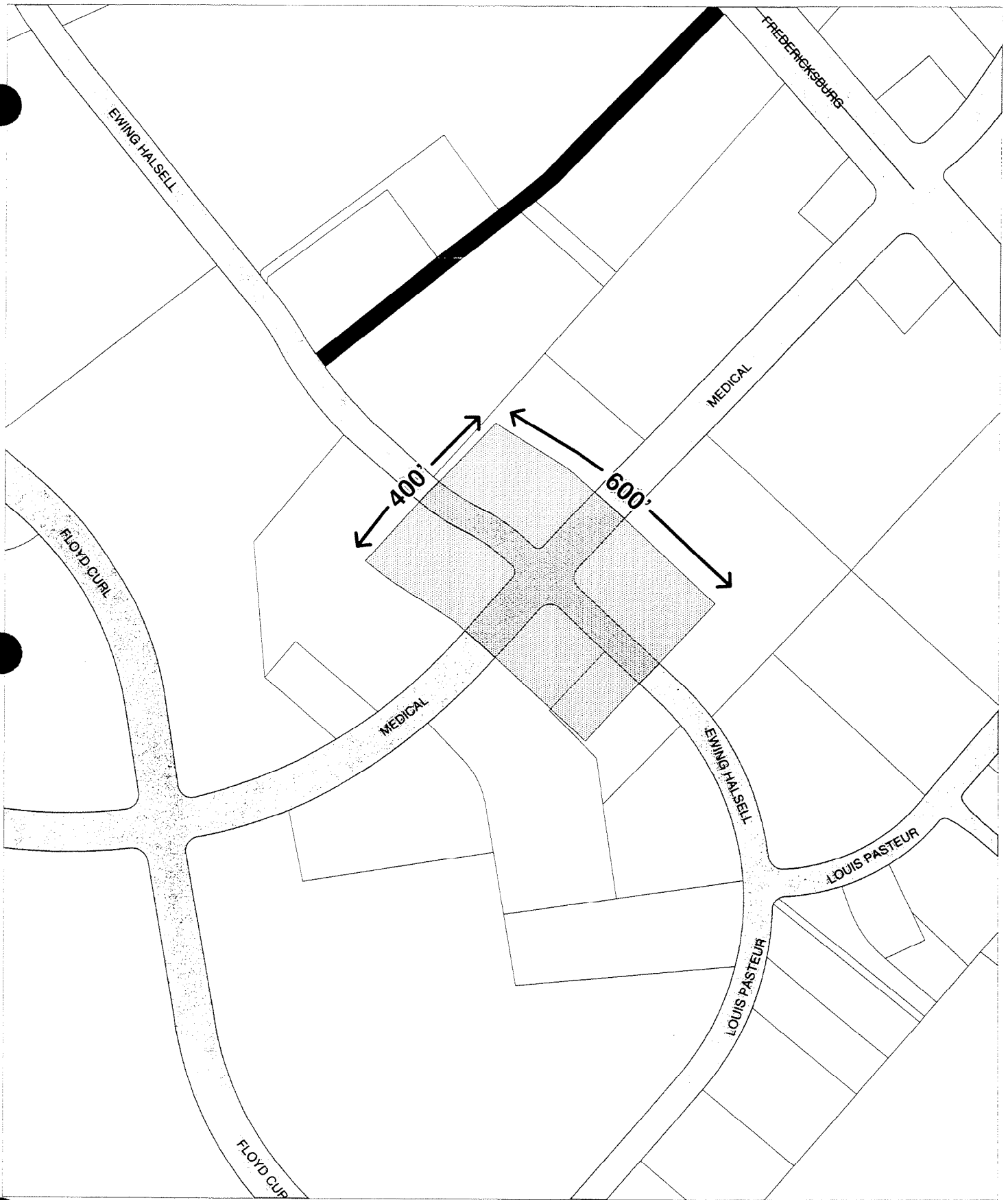
I. Project Map


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Medical Center Improvement Intersection of Medical and Ewing Halsell

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Scale: Not to Scale

