

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

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

**SUBJECT:** Utility Conversion of City Public Service Energy (CPS) Facilities – DeZavala at Vance Jackson (University United Methodist Church)

**DATE:** March 2, 2006

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

A Resolution recommending approval to City Public Service Energy (CPS) to fund a total of \$349,453.00 from the Community Infrastructure and Economic Development (CIED) funds for the relocation/conversion of overhead electrical supply lines to underground in connection with the DeZavala at Vance Jackson (University United Methodist Church) utility project, located in District 8.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In 1993, the CPS Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to amend the CPS Budget by establishing a permanent fund to finance the conversion of overhead utility lines to underground operation. On June 19, 1995, the CPS Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to expand the definition of eligible projects financed by the utility conversion fund to include those that relocate and/or redesign existing or planned overhead transmission and/or distribution facilities for aesthetic purposes. This same resolution expanded the eligible costs of projects financed by this fund to include expenses for certain services and administrative expenditures by the City of San Antonio incidental to project selection and implementation, and to include certain work on individual customers' property to convert service through and including the meter loop conversion. This resolution prohibits the use of these funds for the costs of any utility conversion except those of CPS.

This resolution adds the utility conversion in connection with the DeZavala at Vance Jackson (University United Methodist Church) to the existing approved projects list. The conversion to underground utilities in this area will aesthetically enhance the area and property values. This conversion project has the concurrence of the City Councilman as evidenced by the memo included herein as Attachment 2.

Upon approval of this resolution, CPS Energy shall be notified, and project design shall commence.

## **POLICY ANALYSIS**

Approval of this resolution will be a continuation of City Council policy to enhance the visual appearance and visitor appeal of the City's visitor attractions, scenic views and urban corridors, to promote economic development and revitalization, increase the value of commercial and residential properties, and to improve the quality of life of the residents of San Antonio.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This item has no financial impact for the City of San Antonio. The estimated balance in the Community Infrastructure and Economic Development (CIED) Fund as of February 17, 2006 is \$23,774,174.87. Funds in the amount of \$349,453.00 are available from the CIED fund and are authorized payable for relocation of utilities to underground in connection with DeZavala at Vance Jackson (University United Methodist Church). Approval of this item will reduce the fund balance to \$23,424,721.87.

## **COORDINATION**

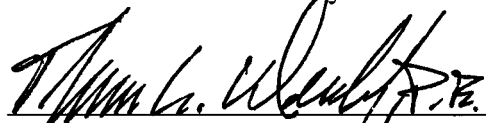
This has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget, the City Attorney's Office, the Finance Department and City Public Service.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

A Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Project Map
2. Memo to City Councilmember Art A. Hall, District 8
3. Letter from University United Methodist Church

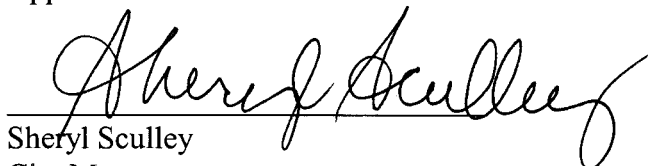


Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E.  
Director of Public Works



Jélynne LeBlanc Burley  
Deputy City Manager

Approved for Council Consideration:



Sheryl Sculley  
City Manager

# DeZavala Road at Vance Jackson



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**  
**Public Works Department**

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

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**TO:** Councilmember Art A. Hall – District 8,  
**THROUGH:** Melissa Byrne Vossmer, Assistant City Manager  
**FROM:** Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E., Director of Public Works  
**COPIES:** Leopoldo P. Cervantes, P.E., City Engineer, Kent Hickingbottom, P.E., Acting  
Capital Programs Manager  
**REF:** University United Methodist Church Request for City Public Service (CPS)  
Overhead Conversion Funds

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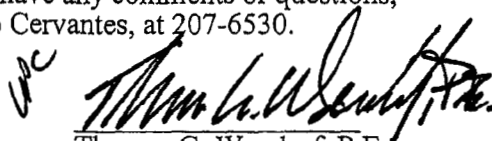
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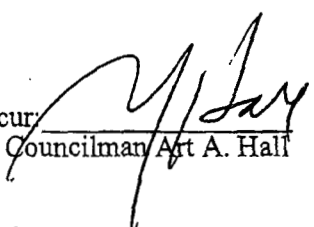
The University United Methodist Church, located on DeZavala and Vance Jackson roads, intends to construct a new church annex facility across the street (DeZavala) from their main campus. Also, the construction of a pedestrian sky bridge, to connect the two facilities, is currently being planned. The sky bridge will reduce pedestrian traffic on the street surface and provide significant relief for traffic on DeZavala and Vance Jackson roads during church activities. Construction of the sky bridge requires the removal of existing overhead utility lines (CPS, SBC, and Time Warner).

CPS recently completed their cost estimate for an overhead electric conversion project to support the planned construction at the University United Methodist Church. The estimated cost for underground installation is \$311,000. The estimated cost for the removal of the existing overhead power lines is \$38,453. The total cost of the project is \$349,453. Funding for this project will come from the Community Infrastructure and Economic Development (CIED) Fund and there are sufficient funds to cover the cost.

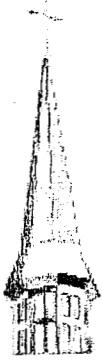
Additionally, there are other aerial utilities in this area. The church is currently coordinating utility relocation requirements with Time Warner and SBC and will compensate them for adjustments out of their own funds as outlined in the attached letter.

The Department of Public Works requests the creation of a new underground conversion district at DeZavala and Vance Jackson roads. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact our City Engineer, Mr. Polo Cervantes, at 207-6530.

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

  
Concur  
City Councilman Art A. Hall

Attachment:  
University United Methodist Church Request Letter dated 7 September 2005



# UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Grounded in the Scriptures, Growing in the Spirit, Reaching out in Love*

September 7, 2005

Polo Cervantes  
Assistant Capitol Projects Manager  
City of San Antonio  
114 W Commerce  
San Antonio, Tx. 78212

Re: University United Methodist Church  
Multi Purpose/ Youth Facilities - Sky Bridge  
Request for CPS Underground Conversion & Energy Source Fund

Dear Mr. Cervantes,

The University United Methodist Church intends to construct a new facility across the street (DeZavala) from our main campus. The facility will be utilized for student ministry and multi purpose / gymnasium building. The construction of an enclosed pedestrian sky bridge to connect the two facilities is being planned.

The proposed sky bridge will provide significant relief for traffic on DeZavala and Vance Jackson roads during church activities. Currently, pedestrians must cross both of these roads to access church activities at peak times. With construction of the new facility and associated sky bridge, pedestrian traffic on the street surface will be reduced.

This letter is our formal request for consideration and approval from the City Council via your office, for conversion of existing CPSEnergy overhead facilities to underground through the use of the CPS Conversion Fund. We are coordinating with CPSEnergy on facility adjustments for this site and anticipate their concurrence. It is our understanding that CPSEnergy will be compensated for conversion adjustments through the fund administered by your department.

The church is currently coordinating facility adjustments with the other affected utilities in the area as well, namely Time Warner and SBC. We will be responsible for compensating them for their adjustments and will not request funding assistance from the City.

Exhibits are included showing location, an aerial photo of the site and proposed architectural renderings of the sky bridge. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Jim Martin.

Sincerely,

Jesse Minor  
Chairman, Building Committee

cc: Jim Martin  
Chris Jones, UUMC