

Undergrounding Policy

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Background

2467 Circuit miles of Distribution

- 695 miles UG
- 1772miles OH

388,458 Meters

- 345,253 residential
- 42,846 commercial
- 359 industrial

We are interested in seeing:

- Underground utilities
- Phased approach
- Begin in urban villages
- We recognize that it will be very expensive

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The Mayor's Direction

- Focus on urban centers & urban villages
- Invest approximately \$15 million per year as seed money
- Maximize opportunities by coordinating with transportation projects and other City projects
- Maximize opportunities by coordinating with new planned development

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Today

- Existing legacy underground systems (Leschi)
- SCL pays for overhead to overhead moves.
- Requestors for UG system pay the difference.
- No funding mechanism available for existing UG ordinance areas.
- City has relied on DPD memos to achieve undergrounding where development extends to the lot line

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Policy Goals

- \$15 Million to be allocated in proposed future Capital programs
- Identify projects that meet the criteria* to be included in the program
- Integrate with urban centers and villages, and determine how various undergrounding projects are funded

*Criteria to be developed

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Proposal Elements – 7 Major Issues

- Seed funding
- Definition of urban centers & villages
- Identification of opportunities to coordinate transportation projects
- Proposed development to the property line
- Treatment of 3rd party requests
- Treatment of existing ordinances
- Examine how undergrounding will drive design change in the future

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Planned Future Work / Timeline

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| ■ Define Urban Centers/Villages | August 15, 2008 |
| ■ Zero-lot line Undergrounding Requirements | November 15, 2008 |
| ■ Final Undergrounding Policy Document | December 31, 2008 |
| ■ Revise current undergrounding ordinances | February 8, 2009 |
| ■ Procedures to Minimize Opening Street | December 1, 2009 |



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Questions?