

September 29, 2021

Attendees:

Faz Kasraie, City Light
Delcina Lal, City Light
Andrew Strong, City Light

Tricia Juhnke, City of Shoreline
John Norris, City of Shoreline
Jim Hammond, City of Shoreline

Paul Cornish, Sound Transit

Purpose:

Seattle City Light (City Light), City of Shoreline (Shoreline) and Sound Transit (ST) met virtually on Thursday, September 23, 2021. This meeting was arranged as a follow-up to the meeting of June 29th, 2021. In that meeting, SCL had committed to engage Shoreline and ST following the receipt of the 60% design and cost estimate for the 10-block 5th Ave Underground Cable Installation project, mainly to discuss budget, impacts to timeline and coordination efforts for the NE 145th Street/5th Ave NE project. Inclusive of known Shoreline improvement projects, City Light has roughly estimated the need for a \$91.5 million investment over the next 5 years if requested schedules are to be met.

City Light has been impacted by budget cuts, unprecedented customer connections, declining revenue and wholesale power sales, and the need for high capital infrastructure investments directly associated with reliability.

That is not to say that City Light is not still investing in Shoreline and other areas. This includes:

- Shoreline substation enhancements
- Three at-capacity and aging transformers at Shoreline Substation have been replaced over the past few years providing reliability and ample capacity for decades to come
- Underground cables (feeder get-aways) are being upgraded (in progress)
- Pole-top switches are being installed to allow for automated switching by City Light dispatch and faster outage restoration (in progress)

Roundabout- Agreement on Coordination:

City Light is intent on supporting Shoreline/WSDOT and their schedule for the roundabout and is not asking for any capital support. SCL is requesting that Shoreline work with City Light to extend the roundabout street closure for an additional 2-weeks ahead of Shoreline's already planned closure. City Light can start the demolition and civil work prior to Shoreline's contractors mobilizing. This will allow City Light to install the new underground facilities within the footprint of the new proposed roundabout with no requirement for traffic control plan for the construction. And it further minimizes the likelihood of having WSDOT/Shoreline contractor and SCL contractor work in the same work area at the same time. Shoreline is open to coordination of the additional 2-week closure but stated that WSDOT has the final say around timing. Shoreline has an initial construction start of May 2024 but the actual road closure date is still TBD so there may be room for flexibility and coordination.

Budget and Timeline:

5th Ave NE First 10 blocks: City Light would need upfront capital financial support from Shoreline and/or ST to complete this work by the optimal schedule in 2024. Without other assistance, City Light would anticipate work being completed closer to the end of 2027. City Light's current plan for electrical growth needs will be supported between 2022-2027 by an interim overhead and existing direct-bury infrastructure that will remain in place until the 5th Ave Underground system is completed. Short of capital investment, request is that Shoreline supports this solution in the near term.

Shoreline asked what the temporary solution can support. How many units? How many buildings? City Light is aware of the current multi-use facilities planned in the area and believe that present capacity meets needs. City Light will verify.

NE 145th Civil Facilities for SCL:

City Light is requesting two street crossings along NE 145th Street between I-5 and Meridian that will then terminate in multiple vaults and conduits on the north side of NE 145th to feed future needs. By putting in place these civil facilities, this will eliminate impact to traffic and future need for sidewalk restorations for all future developments north of NE 145th requiring three-phase underground primary or secondary services and it will establish space for electrical utilities in the sidewalk without impacting any other utilities' infrastructures that are being planned by the City of Shoreline. Developers will still be responsible for their service connection costs between their properties and the new electrical facilities. Shoreline stated that they are working on an agreement for this to be done. More information will be forthcoming from Shoreline.

Shoreline stated that the projects along 145th and 175th should fall under the terms of the franchise agreement. Shoreline asked why they might be getting the bulk of the cost and why City Light wasn't contributing more since this is an enhancement benefiting all SCL customers, including Seattle residents. City Light explained that the proposed electrical installation is north of 145th and only Shoreline would benefit from it. No one south of 145th would be able to take advantage of this investment and improvement.

Next Steps:

This letter and City Light will send the meeting PowerPoint to attendees.

Sincerely,

Andrew Strong
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Seattle City Light