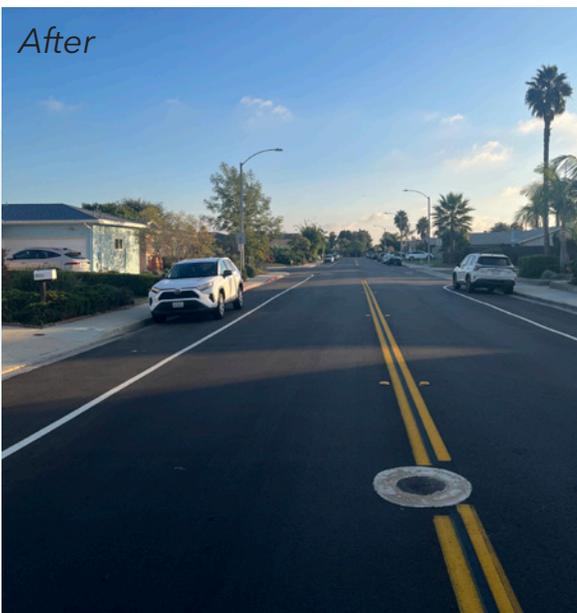




Utilities Undergrounding Program



Before



After

MAKING PROGRESS TOGETHER Rolando 7G2 Project

We're getting things done! We've successfully completed our first joint Engineering & Capital Projects/ Transportation utility undergrounding district earlier this fiscal year with the Rolando 7G2 Project. It has entered the **Post-Undergrounding Improvements Phase** and completed street repaving. As you can see from the before-and-after photos to the left, these streets were in urgent need of a major fix.

This milestone reflects progress in our undergrounding efforts – and also underscores the program's multi-asset benefits. By removing overhead utility wires, we're improving the neighborhood's visual aesthetics and overall safety. And by paving the streets after trenching, we're creating smoother rides for local residents. Let's keep up the momentum!

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COUNCIL POLICY 600-08 UPDATE: Reflecting Today's UUP Operations

On **Oct. 21, 2025**, the **San Diego City Council** approved revisions to **Council Policy 600-08**, which governs the undergrounding of overhead utility lines. These updates, led by the **Utilities Undergrounding Program (UUP)**, modernize the policy to reflect current practices and eliminate outdated language.

Why the Policy Was Updated

Over time, parts of the policy became outdated or misaligned with UUP operations. The revisions help to:

- Streamline administrative processes
- Remove obsolete references
- Clarify procedures for City Council and the public



Key Changes

• Outdated References Removed

Mentions of the **Rule 20A program**—sunset by the California Public Utilities Commission—were eliminated.

• Redundant Utility Requirements Eliminated

Timelines and milestone requirements for utility companies—already defined in the **San Diego Municipal Code**—were removed from the policy to prevent duplication and reduce confusion.

• Oversight Made More Efficient

City Council will now review the **UUP Master Plan** only when updates are proposed, rather than on an annual basis. Additionally, reporting has shifted from twice yearly to **once annually**, allowing for more substantive and timely updates as projects advance.

• Funding Protocols Clarified

Language suggesting that **Council Districts** could allocate surcharge funds to privately financed projects was corrected. **Clear, centralized guidelines** now govern how these funds are managed and applied.

• Expanded Tree Planting Support

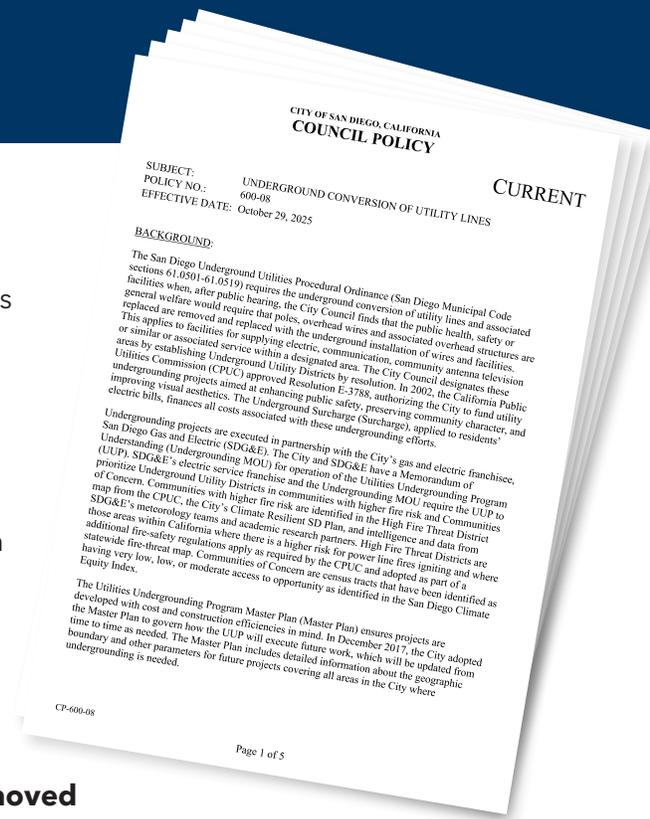
Surcharge funds may now cover not only tree replacement but also new planting and watering—enhancing air quality, sustainability, and improving neighborhood aesthetics.

• Removing Double Approvals

The term “allocation” previously created confusion by requiring a two-step approval before a project could be presented to City Council. Under the updated policy, **any project—regardless of its status—can now be brought directly before Council**, streamlining review.

Benefits of the Update

These changes align the policy with current UUP operations, reduce bureaucracy, improve transparency, and support safer, more reliable infrastructure.



PROGRESS OF UNDERGROUNDING WORK

As detailed in Table 1, staff are actively managing seven projects that are in undergrounding construction. The undergrounding of utility systems and the subsequent removal of overhead utility systems typically takes 4 to 5 years for most projects. Of those projects, 75% are in a **high-fire risk** area, and 50% are within a **community of concern**.



Table 1
Projects in Undergrounding Construction

PROJECT NAME	CD	STREET MILES	PROPERTIES SERVED	STATUS
Crown Point (2BB) Job 2	1	1.99	234	Trenching and Conduit Phase experienced delays and now expected to be completed Summer 2026.
La Jolla (1J) Phase 1	1	2.07	385	SDG&E Removal from Service (RFS) is now completed, utility companies working to complete removals expected to be completed Spring 2026.
Golden Hill (8C)	3	2.59	383	Trenching, Conduit, and Cabling Phase completed. Cutovers ongoing and scheduled to complete in Spring 2026. RFS to be completed in Summer 2026.
Ridgeview-Webster / Oak Park (4J1)	4	2.31	325	Trenching, Conduit, and Cabling Phase completed. Cutovers ongoing and scheduled to complete in Spring 2026. RFS to be completed in Summer 2026.
Jamacha Lomita (4Y)	4	3.23	496	Trenching, Conduit, and Cabling Phase completed. Cutovers ongoing and scheduled to complete in Spring 2026. RFS to be completed in Summer 2026.
Allied Gardens (7T)	7	3.23	407	Trenching and Conduit Phase started Fall 2025 and expected to be completed Summer 2026.
Egger Highlands (8R)	8	2.63	447	Private property panel modifications started Spring 2025 and expected to be completed Summer 2026.

A measure of undergrounding progress is the volume of projects actively being designed and the pace of design completion. Table 2 shows 23 projects currently in the design phase. Weekly meetings ensure projects advance quickly to construction. Monthly schedule variance is tracked against baselines, and progress issues unresolved in weekly meetings are escalated to management discussions with SDG&E.

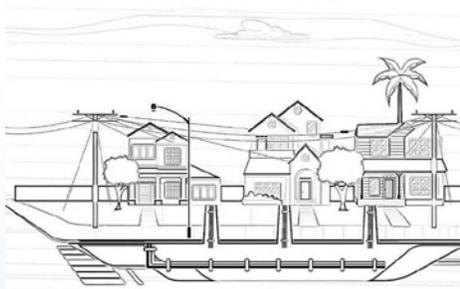


Table 2
Projects in Design

PROJECT NAME	CD	STREET MILES	PROPERTIES SERVED
Crown Point (2BB) Job 1	1	1.99	234
La Jolla (1M1)	1	2.01	202
Del Mar Hts/Carmel Valley (1Y)	1	2.5	226
La Jolla (1M) Job 2	1	1.1	113
Mission Beach (2S2)	2	2.85	485
North Clairemont (6K)	2	3.5	424
North Clairemont (6K1)	2	4.44	395
North Clairemont (6K2)	2	2.66	443

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Table 2
Projects in Design (Cont.)

North Clairemont (6L)	2	4.33	421
Encanto/Emerald Hills (4R1)	4	4.53	506
Jamacha Lomita (4X, joint project)	4	1.59	284
Jamacha Lomita (4X1, joint project)	4	1.56	320
Jamacha Lomita (4Y1, joint project)	4	2.69	359
University City (1S, joint project)	6	3.51	409
Allied Gardens (7R1)	7	3.34	500
Del Cerro (7U)	7	3.01	275
Barrio Logan (8H)	8	3.76	205
Otay Mesa - Nestor (8R1, joint project)	8	3.32	369
Kensington (3AA)	9	3.27	597
Teralta West / Kensington (3AA1)	9	1.3	334
Normal Heights (3BB)	9	2.3	369
Kensington (3CC1)	9	2.45	405
Normal Heights (3DD)	9	3.85	425

In Table 3, there are 22 projects undergoing public improvement construction. During this last phase, project enhancements are completed which include pavement restoration, tree planting, curb ramps, and streetlights.



Table 3
Projects in Post-Undergrounding Improvements

PROJECT NAME	CD	STREET MILES	PROPERTIES SERVED
Mission Blvd	1	0.34	24
Cass Street	1	0.34	16
Fanuel St Phase 1	1	0.26	14
Fanuel St Phase 3	1	0.77	74
La Jolla (1M) Job 1	1	1.1	142
La Jolla (1J) Phase 2	1	2.07	263
Mission Beach (2S1)	2	3.4	517
Marlesta Drive / Beagle Street	2	1.31	121
Mount Acadia Blvd	2	1.02	81
Baker / Shawnee	2	0.95	109
Bay Park (6H)	2	4.1	418
Ingulf Street	2	0.34	10
Bay Ho (6DD1)	2	3.51	525
30th Street Phase IIIB	3	0.88	79
Howard Avenue Phase 1	3	0.6	58
San Diego Avenue	3	0.85	48
25th (SB) St	8	0.18	4
Coronado (SB) Avenue	8	0.36	32
Cesar Chavez Pkwy	8	0.38	22
Seminole Avenue Phase 2	9	0.46	52
32nd Street (Phase I)	9	0.14	12
Wightman Street	9	0.34	34

For project updates,
please visit our UUP Info Map at
<https://sandiego.gov/UUPWebmap>

COMMUNITY FORUM

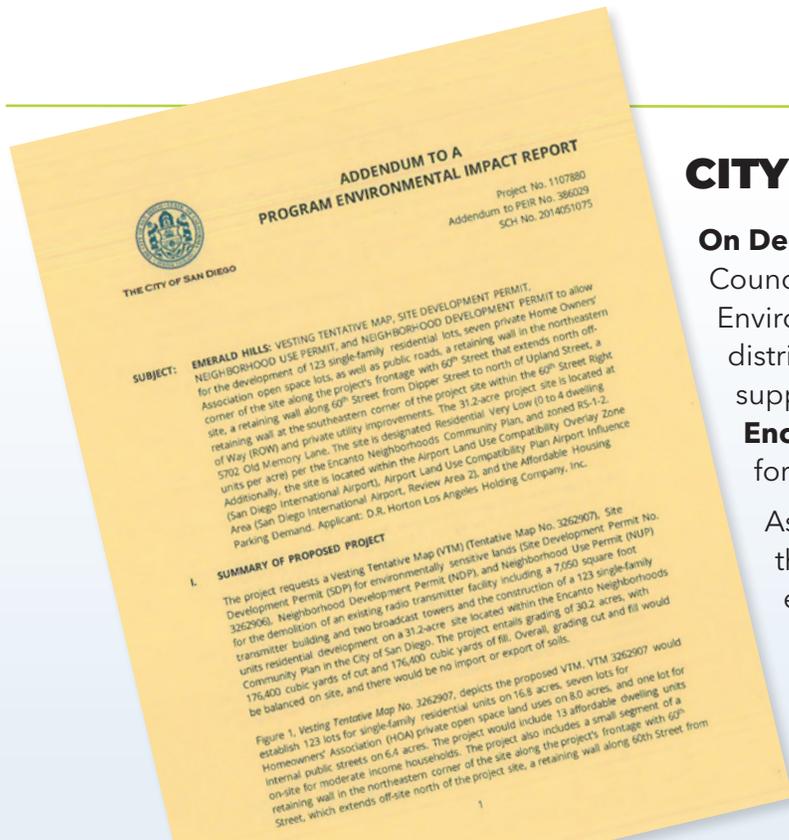
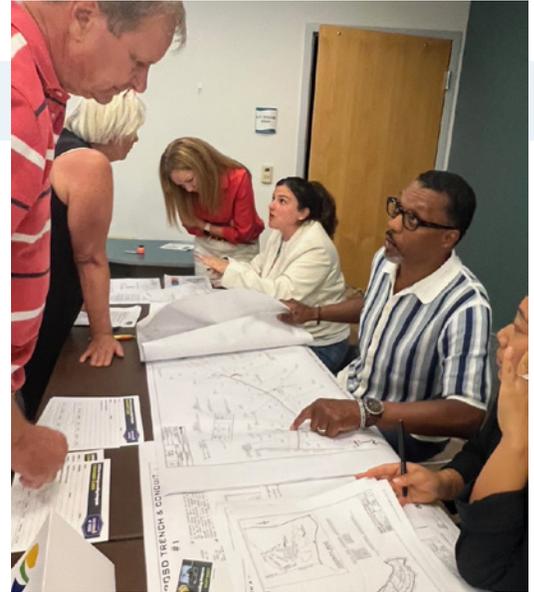
Panels of representatives from City teams including **UUP, Urban Forestry, Development Services Department, and Engineering & Capital Projects**, along with COX, AT&T, and SDG&E addressed specific questions from community members. Thank you to the **Council offices** for their invaluable support in planning this community forum.



September 16, 2025 **Block 7U - Del Cerro**

- Approximately 3.01 street miles of overhead lines to convert
- 274 properties to convert
- Approximately 93 utility poles will be removed
- 50 proposed streetlights per current City Standards
- 21 proposed ADA curb ramp installations

Public forums are conducted for each project, providing the community with an opportunity to learn, ask questions, and express concerns. Residents will receive notifications if a forum is being scheduled in their area.



CITY COUNCIL APPROVALS

On Dec. 8, 2025, UUP presented before City Council to seek approval for the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and two district creation projects. With unanimous support, the PEIR was officially certified, and **Encanto 09** and **University Heights 02** were formally established.

As highlighted in previous newsletters, the PEIR is designed to streamline the environmental review process for upcoming program projects—advancing our goal to accelerate construction timelines.

Feedback Requested

Let us know what you think! UUP is requesting feedback to evaluate this newsletter's effectiveness in supporting City Council staff's understanding of the undergrounding program. Please feel free to share your feedback with Anthony George at anthonygp@sandiego.gov.