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CITY of SAN DIEGO UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM

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PACIFIC BEACH PROJECT AREA / PROJECT BLOCK 2T

This is the seventeenth e-news update to inform you of the progress of the Utilities Undergrounding Program in the Pacific Beach / 2T Project Block area. Approximately once a month during construction – or when significant events occur – you will receive an e-mail update.

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, through its Utilities Undergrounding Program, is currently relocating approximately 15 miles of overhead utility lines underground throughout the city each year. The City, in cooperation with SDG&E, Cox Communications, Time Warner, and AT&T, is providing a safer and more reliable underground system and *A Clear View of San Diego.*

Project Highlights

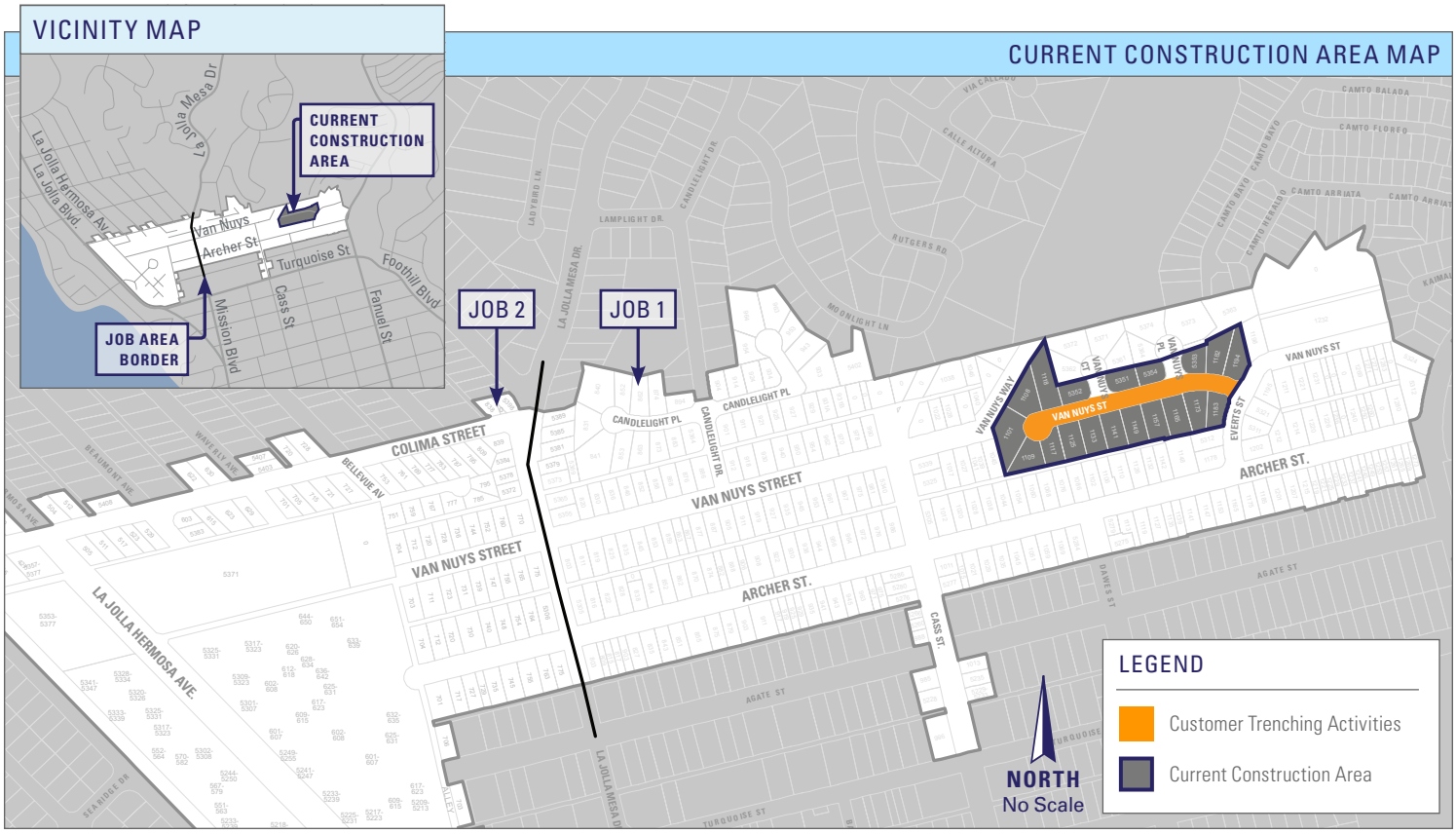
- *2.08 miles of utilities will be undergrounded*
- *361 private residences will have their utilities undergrounded*
- *45 streetlights will be installed*
- *63 shade trees will be planted*
- *30 curb ramps will be installed*
- *Streets will be resurfaced*

Construction Activity Phases

- *Construction start: November 2011*
- *Panel and Trench work: February 2012 – July 2013*
- *Cabling, cut-overs and streetlights: September 2013 – March 2014*
- *Overhead line removal: Spring 2014*
- *Street resurfacing: June 2015*

Construction Activities

- *Crews are doing cabling and cut-over activities.*
- *Customer service trenching is taking place on Van Nuys Street just west of Everts Street.*



SDG&E crew member performs cabling activities in an underground vault.

Panel and Trenching Activities

Panel work is when electricians prepare the electrical panel at your home to receive underground service, and then is checked by City inspectors. Trenching activities involves digging a mainline trench in the street and a lateral customer service trench that connects the mainline trench to your utility box. Conduit lines, which house the underground utility cabling, are then installed and buried in the trenches.

- *Panel work is 99% complete in Project 2T.*
- *Mainline trenching activities are 100% complete in Job 1 and Job 2.*

Cabling, Cut-Over, & Overhead Line Removal

Cabling involves technicians placing new utility lines in the new conduits, so that the new lines can be "energized" and brought into service. Once the new system has been energized, the process to "cut-over" customers from overhead to underground services will begin. Once customers have been cut-over, the overhead lines will be removed. This process is not nearly as disruptive as the trenching work, which is why you may not even see us working. A door hanger will be left prior to the contractor visiting your property. Here is the current status of these activities:

- *SDGE is 100% complete with cabling activities for Jobs 1 and 2. They are 5% complete with cut-over activities for Jobs 1 and 2.*
- *AT&T is 100% complete with cabling activities in Job 1. They are 100% complete with both cabling and cut over activities for Job 2.*

Customer Notices

PERMISSION TO ENTER FORMS › Before construction began on this project, property owners were sent a Permission to Enter (PTE) form. By signing this form, you enroll your property in the Utilities Undergrounding Program and grant crews access to the exterior of your property to complete the undergrounding work at no up-front cost. Property owners within this Project Block who have not signed a PTE form or failed to return it by the required deadline date, will be responsible for all costs and permits needed for converting their property to receive underground utility service.

- *Currently, there is 11 property owners in Project Block 2T/Pacific Beach who need to submit their PTE form.*

CORRECTION NOTICES › If you need to make a correction to your property in order to pass final inspection, you will receive a door hanger or letter from a City of San Diego inspector. The door hanger and letter have a description of the correction needed. Please do not delay in contacting the inspector whose name and phone number appear on these notices, so that the problem can be resolved.

Most of these corrections are minor and are the responsibility of the property owner. Corrections need to be completed before we can cut customers over to the new underground system. ***Customers who are not cut-over to the new underground system risk loss of service when the overhead system is removed.***

- *Currently, there are 3 residences in Job 1 and 1 residence in Job 2 that need to make corrections to their services or properties.*

Customer Resources

PROJECT SATISFACTION › In the event that you are not satisfied or pleased with the work that was done on your property or your street, please let us know. ***Please do not attempt to make corrections, adjustments or improvements yourself.*** We will not be able to switch your services to the new underground system if any modifications were done to our work.

SAFETY › All project crew members should be wearing proper identification while on the job site. If you see anyone suspicious on your property, please call the Information Line at (619) 533-3841 or the San Diego Police Department.

PROGRAM INFO › Visit www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding to access more information on the program, including a video and brochure.

We thank you in advance for your patience and support while we complete the Utilities Undergrounding Program project in your community.