



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Department of Public Works



DATE: September 6, 2011
BOARD MEETING DATE: September 27, 2011
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Installation of Additional Streetlights on Avenue Balboa, Palma Street, Columbus Street and The Alameda in the Granada Highway Lighting District – El Granada Area

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the Governing Board of the Granada Highway Lighting District, adopt a Resolution authorizing the installation of streetlights in the vicinity of 115, 143, 163, 215 and 255 Avenue Balboa, 255 Palma Street, 358 Columbus Street and 637 and 727 The Alameda, El Granada Area.

BACKGROUND:

Under California Streets and Highways Code sections 19000 *et seq*, the “Highway Lighting District Act”, the Board of Supervisors serves as the governing board of the Granada Highway Lighting District (District). Section 19160 provides that the governing board of a highway lighting district may consider the installation of additional streetlights if a petition signed by twenty (20) or more taxpayers in the district is filed with the district’s governing body.

The Department has received a petition, signed by twenty-six (26) taxpayers from within the District, requesting the installation of a total of nine additional streetlights on Avenue Balboa, Palma Street, Columbus Street and The Alameda. Taxpayers within a 300-foot radius or to the end of the block, which ever is longer, were notified of where the proposed streetlights are being considered for installation.

DISCUSSION:

We believe there is sufficient evidence for your Board to make the necessary findings as:

- a. Taxpayers have expressed concern that additional lighting is needed to improve security in the area; and
- b. Other streets within the District have an equivalent density of streetlights as would exist with the addition of these streetlights; and

- c. To date we have received no objections from the 344 taxpayers that were notified of the proposed additional streetlights.

The proposed streetlights will be installed on existing Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) poles near 115, 143, 163, 215 and 255 Avenue Balboa, 255 Palma Street, and 637 and 727 The Alameda, as shown on Exhibit "A". Due to the insufficient height of the existing PG&E pole at 358 Columbus Street, it will be necessary to install a new longer pole at this location to accommodate the streetlight. The existing streetlight spacing in this area of the District ranges from approximately 140 feet to 590 feet. The additional streetlights would result in a streetlight spacing of approximately 125 feet to 275 feet.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Your Board's authorization of the proposed additional streetlights contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing improved lighting to the streets for residents, pedestrians, and motorists.

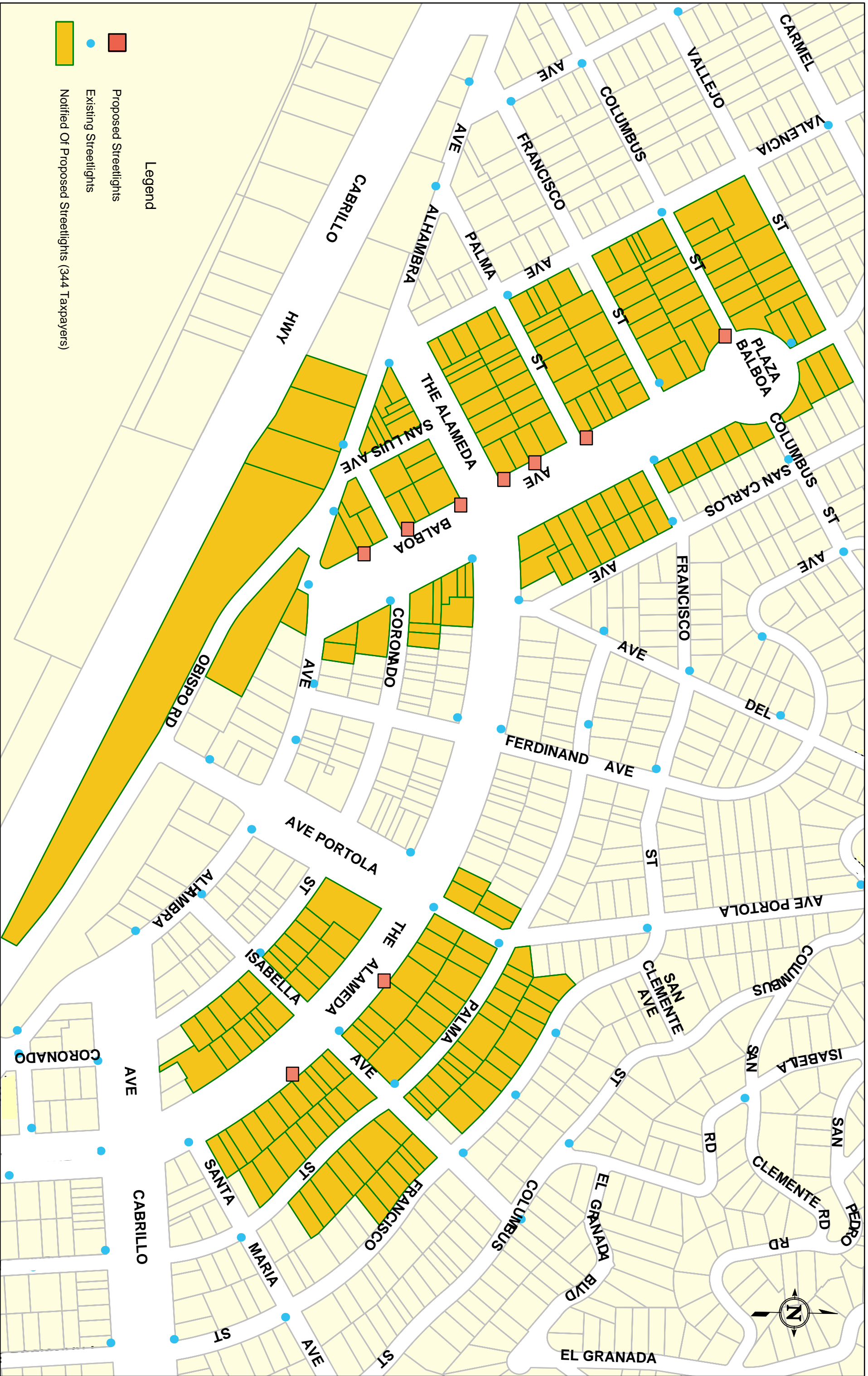
FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost associated with the installation of the nine streetlights is \$18,000. The energy cost for nine high-pressure sodium vapor streetlights based on PG&E's current rate schedule, is \$37.19 per month. Sufficient District funds are available to pay for the initial cost of the installation and future energy and maintenance costs for these streetlights.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

Attachments: Exhibit A – Vicinity Map

Exhibit A - Vicinity Map



RESOLUTION NO. _____

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
GRANADA HIGHWAY LIGHTING DISTRICT**

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RESOLUTION:

**AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTS IN THE VICINITY OF 115,
143, 163, 215 AND 255 AVENUE BALBOA, 255 PALMA STREET, 358 COLUMBUS
STREET AND 637 AND 727 THE ALAMEDA, EL GRANADA AREA**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, acting as the governing board of the Granada Highway Lighting District (District), that

WHEREAS, there has been filed with the District a valid petition signed by twenty-six (26) taxpayers within the District, requesting the installation of a total of nine additional streetlights in the vicinity of 115, 143, 163, 215 and 255 Avenue Balboa, 255 Palma Street, 358 Columbus Street and 637 and 727 The Alameda, El Granada; and

WHEREAS, Sections 19160 *et seq.* of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the governing board of a lighting district may make the expense of the installation of additional lights a charge upon the district if the board determines that it will be just and equitable and in the public interest for the additional cost to be paid by the district as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has reported that the District has sufficient funds to finance the cost of said lights requested to be installed on Avenue Balboa, Palma Street, Columbus Street and The Alameda within the limits of said District; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the cost of the additional lights is just and equitable and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

1. This Board finds that it is just and equitable and in the public interest for the additional cost of installing and maintaining nine additional streetlights on Avenue Balboa, Palma Street, Columbus Street and The Alameda (in the vicinity of 115, 143, 163, 215 and 255 Avenue Balboa, 255 Palma Street, 358 Columbus Street and 637 and 727 The Alameda, El Granada Area) within the District's boundary, to be paid by the District as a whole; and
2. The installation of nine additional streetlights, that the property owners within the District petitioned for, are hereby ordered pursuant to Section 19161 of the California Streets and Highways Code.
3. The cost of installation and maintenance of said streetlights shall be a charge upon the Granada Highway Lighting District.
4. The Director of Public Works is authorized to notify Pacific Gas and Electric Company that all billings for the additional streetlights within the Granada Highway Lighting District shall be forwarded to the Department of Public Works for payment.

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