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Public Works & Facilities Committee,

I noticed the map of potential areas included in the agenda materials left off the most obvious locations for a new or expanded district, which is certain portions of the City that are in the Coastal Zone west of Highway One/Main Street. IMO, the first project that should be undergrounded is the utility line that serves the City's WWTF that runs westward across the Mill Site. However, the easiest and most flexible option would be to create a City-wide undergrounding district. That way, any project would qualify for the Rule 20 funds. All new projects should be undergrounding the utilities anyway, and most of them do, so a City-wide district is the best option because we can use the Rule 20 funds (or other similar funding sources) to underground any existing above-ground infrastructure, not just what is in one of the districts, and all new projects would continue to underground new infrastructure or pay an in-lieu fee into a local undergrounding fund. The City already has several undergrounding districts, and the other obvious option would be to expand a couple of these districts (e.g., the one in the CBD).

Regards,

--Jacob