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### **City of La Puente Breaks Ground on Utility Undergrounding Project on Amar Road**



La Puente, CA – “The City of La Puente is excited to be working with Southern California Edison, Frontier Communications, Charter Spectrum, and the project contractor, International Line Builders, Inc., to bring about the City’s first ever Rule 20A Undergrounding Project along a portion of Amar Road,” said Mayor Violeta Lewis.

In 1967, the California PUC established the Rule 20A Undergrounding Program to eliminate the concentration of overhead electric and telecommunication lines and wooden poles along the major arterial streets in cities. Since that time, the City has built-up a sizable balance of Rule 20A funds from ratepayers in La Puente, and the approximate 1 mile stretch along Amar Road will cost roughly \$3 million dollars for the conversion to underground, with no cost to the property owners or the City.

In September of 2015, the City Council approved a segment along Amar Road between Puente Avenue and Willow Avenue and created an Utility Undergrounding District, to put the project in motion.

“The City appreciates Southern California Edison’s efforts thus far with brining this project from concept, through design, and now to the start of construction,” said Director of Development Services John Di Mario.

Representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon, County Supervisor Hilda Solis, and the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District were in attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, August 7, to kick-off the project

When the project is completed, all utility poles and overhead wires and lines will be eliminated, which will improve the aesthetics along Amar Road along with the installation of new modern concrete marbelite street light poles.

“This project is just another example of how the City Council is working hard to help improve the look of our community and the overall quality of life for our residents,” said Mayor Lewis.

For questions or to learn more about La Puente, contact City Hall at (626) 855-1500.

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