



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works and Parks



Date: March 6, 2013
Board Meeting Date: April 9, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works and Parks

Subject: Installation of Additional Streetlights on Seventh Avenue in the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District – North Fair Oaks Area

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the Governing Board of the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District, adopt a Resolution authorizing the installation of streetlights on Seventh Avenue, in the vicinity of 700, 736 and 766 Seventh Avenue, North Fair Oaks 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 Menlo Park 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 20 taxpayers from within the District, requesting the installation of a total of three additional streetlights on Seventh Avenue (in the vicinity of 700, 736 and 766 Seventh Avenue). Taxpayers within a 300-foot radius or to the end of the block, whichever 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 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 700, 736 and 766 Seventh Avenue, as shown on Exhibit "A." There are no streetlights in the 700 block of Seventh Avenue.

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 three streetlights is \$6,000. The energy cost for three high-pressure sodium vapor streetlights based on PG&E's current rate schedule, is \$13.35 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.

Attachment: Exhibit A – Vicinity Map

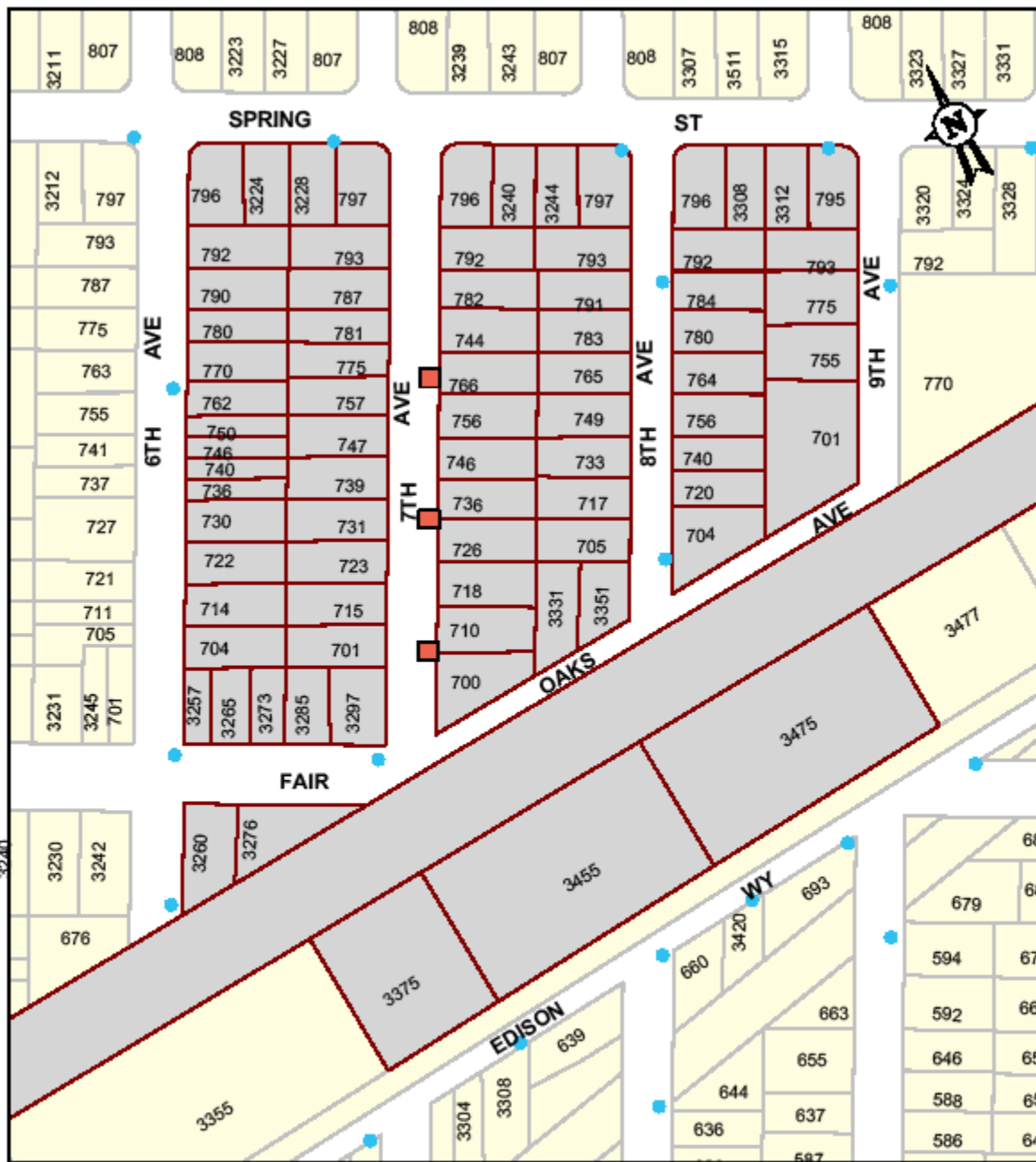


EXHIBIT A - VICINITY MAP
 Proposed Streetlights - Menlo Park
 Highway Lighting District
 (700, 736 & 766 7th Avenue)

Legend

- Proposed Streetlights
- Existing Streetlights
- Notified of Proposed Streetlights (80 Taxpayers)