

Red Dog Road Underground Utilities District Formation Public Meeting Input
August 28, 2024

- Money goes away, where does it go? PG&E or rate payers.
 - o Goes back to PG&E for redistribution to other projects in the state.
- Who has audit rights and evaluation over their project costs and contracting pricing?
 - o Conversation to be had with PG&E to determine going-forward.
 - o County will continue to oversee PG&E very closely.
- Does CPUC have an audit role?
- Will utility companies be upgrading their infrastructure?
 - o They will have an opportunity to do so during joint trench/planning, etc.
- County has already investigated ROW to be impacted, how much widening will actually be possible?
 - o County will do its best to fit it in, however it will vary.
- Will a Rule 20A project guarantee that utilities will be dropped into the trench and not left up like the other PGE hardening projects that are leaving chopped poles up?
 - o Due to road widening, they will have to remove poles.
- NID has pipes running underground, is that what we will do?
 - o Lines will go off to the side/under, etc. to avoid existing infrastructure.
- Comcast has to pay by the pole to hang wires? Is that true?
 - o Unsure, cost sharing is determined between the utility companies. Cost to place conduit is very minimal.
- Will grade percentage be redone on the big hill into Cascade Shores?
 - o Project will not be close to that.
- When trenches are open, will it be up to the utilities to place conduit? Will PGE coordinate?
 - o Cost share to be evaluated in planning and design phase.
- How is the district actually formed?
 - o Boundary map defined. Presented to BOS for formation of the district.
- Does the district become a County ordained district? Who maintains it?
 - o It is purely for project definition, an on-paper district.
- Why do the numbers not add up and show a short fall for the whole project?
 - o That is the reason for phasing. The money available now will be for phase 1 of the project and as other funds become available the phase 2 and phase 3 can be completed.
- Are more credits accruing?
 - o That is determined by CPUC and PGE. TBD.
- Why did the higher traffic segments not designate priority?

- Quaker Hill Cross Road is not designated as a major collector.
- What does major collector mean?
 - It's a roadway designation for roads with a higher volume of traffic
- Is the district going to be formed at the Sept 10 BOS meeting? Should concerns be voiced at that meeting?
 - Formation of the district will be determined by the Supervisors on Sept 10. Absolutely utilize that meeting for voicing any opinion.
- Don't want to discount the undergrounding project, however, due to the access and emergency ingress/egress, population, etc... Why wouldn't Quaker Hill Cross Road be prioritized?
 - Quaker Hill Cross Road is not currently designated as a Major Collector. Staff can investigate this further in the future.
- Quaker Cross vs Red Dog, how hard is it to change the boundaries of the district?
 - Not monumental and can be changed if phases change later on in the planning and design.
- Can the County subsidize funding for the project if PGE credits run out?
 - Currently there are no known funding sources for additional work. We will continue to look for additional funding.
- How will traffic be impacted?
 - During construction traffic controls will be in place with 15-minute delays possible.
- Can Pasquale be paved and widened to improve access?
 - Need funding source.
 - Is there anything the community can do to help?
 - Write to the BOS and the County
- As phases are moving forward and money tightens, can the project be evaluated from a perspective of not widening to save cost?
 - Most likely will be evaluated throughout the whole design.
- What is timing estimated for phase 1?
 - 2030 or 2031 for construction.
- Once construction starts, is it nonstop or stop start?
- Can Red Dog get a full bike lane? Will eminent domain be used to obtain properties right up to the road edge?
 - A full bike lane is not anticipated but the shoulder area will be widened to help facilitate pedestrian and bike traffic.
 - Eminent domain is not foreseen.
- Will all poles be taken down? Even the ones into land?
 - We anticipate removal of most, if not all, of the poles in the area, resulting in the lines being undergrounded.

- That is what is projected. The road will stay where it is at and won't go far into properties. The lines will just get buried next to the existing road.
- Is ROW typically 30' from centerline? Is it a 60' ROW?
 - It bounces drastically. Typically, 60', but the road does not always fall in the center of the right-of-way.
- Will PGE be charging owners for new tie ins?
 - That will be paid for as part of the project.
- How do we get copies?
 - Sign the sign in sheet
- Where is the goal for widening placement?
 - It will be more shoulder widening than true path
- It will be bike and ped shared?
 - Yes, shared with more breathing room for all travelers
- What happens to speed limits?
 - TBD. Speed limits are based on 85% currently. Would be conducted after project implemented.
- Will Boulder be widened?
 - Starting point will be determined if it will go down into city limits, but TBD
- If there is a fire or emergency, Boulder should be evaluated for widening.
- If the district gets passed, what is the method of finding project status going forward? Keeping community in the loop is important.
 - Mailers to district, social media, County website, etc. and TBD
- If GV does not follow through, can County have the money?
 - It is up to the Supervisors to allocate project funds.
- When is construction estimated?
 - 2028 potentially.
- Phase 3 needs to be reevaluated for priority on Quaker Hill Cross Rd rather than Red Dog Rd.

Written comment received during the meeting:

- The sooner the better – let's get to phase 3!
- Phase 3 should be prioritized on Quaker Hill Cross Rd, not Red Dog. There is more traffic to Cascade Shores that way.
- Phase 3 of the project on Quaker Hill Cross Rd seems to be more useful due to the fire risk and traffic patterns. Even though Quaker Cross is not classified as a collector, it does carry more traffic than the Eastern side of Red Dog.