

MOTION BUDGET & FINANCE

The Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas (OPNGAS) is responsible for, and intends to abandon, an oil pipeline, formerly of Venoco along Heath Avenue and Century Park East from Olympic Boulevard to Pico Boulevard, in the City of Los Angeles (CD5). The OPNGAS is soliciting a qualified consulting firm to provide planning, facilitation, execution and support services for the abandonment of Venoco Whittier Pipeline.

The pipeline consists of an approximately 40-foot section of 4-inch steel pipe and a 3,065 foot section of 6 inch steel pipe. In addition, the project includes the abandonment of a 632 cubic feet vault with a scraper trap and vault piping on Pico Boulevard at one end of the pipeline and the scraper trap at the former Venoco facility on Olympic Boulevard on the other.

Funds were set aside in the FY 2021-22 Unappropriated Balance (UB) Fund No. 100/58, \$585,000 to perform this work.

Due to the tremendous workload (Non-conforming land use report backs, SoCalGas Valuation Study, SoCalGas Contract negotiation, Compliance/Transparency program design, and Amortization pre-work) and inadequate staffing of the office (2 employees for 10 months of 2021) there was not enough capacity for OPNGAS to do this work. On April 11, 2022 the Senior Environmental Engineer position was filled in the Compliance section of OPNGAS. The Compliance section moved in all haste to receive updated proposals and verify the status of subcontractors on prime contracting firm contracts with the City.

There is now capacity to manage and oversee a contractor to perform this work and OPNGAS is planning to do a Task Order Solicitation (TOS) with the Pre-Qualified On-call Consultant Rotational Lists.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$500,000 in the "Pipeline Abandonment Engineering Consultant Services" line item in the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100-58 AND \$85,000 in the "Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas" line item in the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100-58 (TOTAL \$585,000) be appropriated to a new account in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No. 100-54 entitled, "Pipeline Abandonment," for the abandonment of the Venoco Whittier Crude Oil Pipeline located in Council District 5.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be authorized to make any technical adjustments, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY: 
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5TH District

SECONDED BY: 

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