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September 27, 2017

Re: 7th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District

(Proyecto de Rehabilitación en las Pipas de Aguas Negras en la Séptima Avenida– Para una Traducción en Español, Favor de Llamar al 650-599-1443)

Dear Property Owner or Resident:

The Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District (District), which is administered by the County of San Mateo Department of Public Works, will be replacing the sanitary sewer line in 7th Avenue from Middlefield Road to Edison Way (Project). The Project will involve the replacement of the existing vitrified clay sewer pipes with high density polyethylene (HDPE) and polyvinylchloride (PVC) pipes. Enclosed is a map showing the location of the sewer line proposed to be replaced, which is approximately 1,965 feet long. The existing pipe is prone to blockages from root intrusion, requires an increased level of maintenance to minimize blockages, and allows excess water into the pipes from cracks in the pipes and old brick manholes. The Project must be completed prior to the planned reconstruction of this portion of 7th Avenue. The road reconstruction project is scheduled for summer 2018 due to the extensive utility work required before the road project can begin.

The majority of the existing the sewer pipes in 7th Avenue will be replaced through underground “pipe bursting” methods. Pipe bursting is a trenchless method of replacing buried pipelines without the need for the traditional “open trench” (digging a trench) method. Access pits, typically at the existing sewer manhole locations, will need to be excavated for the pipe bursting operation. Pipe replacement at a segment that crosses the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) easement between Park Road and Edison Way will require the traditional “open trench” method. This will involve digging a trench to expose the existing sewer pipes, removing the existing sewer pipes, and replacing the pipes with new pipes. The existing brick sewer manholes within the Project limits will be replaced with new manholes and the sewer laterals from each property will be exposed at the connection point to the sewer main and reconnected to the new pipe.

Construction is anticipated to begin in November/December 2017. We will provide you with additional information once a contractor has been selected. Affected property owners/residents will also receive notifications from the contractor prior to commencement of the construction work. Additional notifications by the contractor may be required because of isolated impacts to traffic or access issues.



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If you are considering making improvements to your sanitary sewer lateral, please complete any improvements prior to construction of this Project, or if you would like to consider having sewer lateral work performed in conjunction with this Project, you may want to contact our contractor for a price quote once the County has selected a contractor. A sewer lateral in good condition generally does not require service. If your lateral has required service regularly, you may want to investigate the cause and, if appropriate, consider sewer lateral improvements or replacement. The County's Ordinance Code specifies that the property owner is responsible for installing, maintaining, and repairing the sewer lateral from the property structure to and into the District's sewer main (see attached San Mateo County Sewer Information Guide). The property owner is responsible for financing any work on private laterals, hiring a contractor and/or coordinating with the contractor, obtaining all required permits, and coordinating with the Project construction manager (if work is performed at the same time as the Project). More information regarding the contractor and the Project construction manager for this Project will be provided after the contractor has been selected.

Please be advised that a Sewer Inspection Permit (SIP) is required for any sewer lateral work. A SIP costs \$300.00 and must be obtained from the County of San Mateo Department of Public Works at 555 County Center, 5th Floor, Redwood City. Please contact District staff at (650)363-4100 with any questions regarding SIPs. Please also note that you must also obtain an encroachment permit from the County of San Mateo Department of Public Works' Permit Section (455 County Center, 2nd Floor, Redwood City, or call (650)363-1822) if your contractor is working in the road right-of-way, such as replacing your sanitary sewer cleanout at the property line or the sewer lateral from the property line cleanout to the District main. There is a fee for encroachment permit applications.

Finally trees, landscaping or structures within the Project limits that may be affected by the construction activities will be removed as necessary to facilitate construction of the Project. In the event this is necessary, you will have the opportunity to remove and relocate the existing landscaping or structures to elsewhere on your property prior to the commencement of construction. Should you choose to not remove the landscaping or structures yourself, the contractor awarded the contract for the Project will be directed to remove and dispose of the landscaping or facilities. The District will not be responsible for the replacement of any trees, landscaping or decorative structures removed by the District's contractor. Please contact District staff for information specific to your property if you are uncertain whether your landscaping would be impacted.

Every effort will be made to minimize any inconvenience the Project may cause. However, we believe that there will be some disturbances to the residents, and we thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

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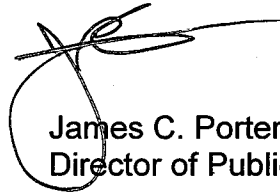
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact America Sanchez, Krzystof Lisaj, or Mark Chow, of my staff, at (650)363-4100. They can also be reached via email at:

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Very truly yours,

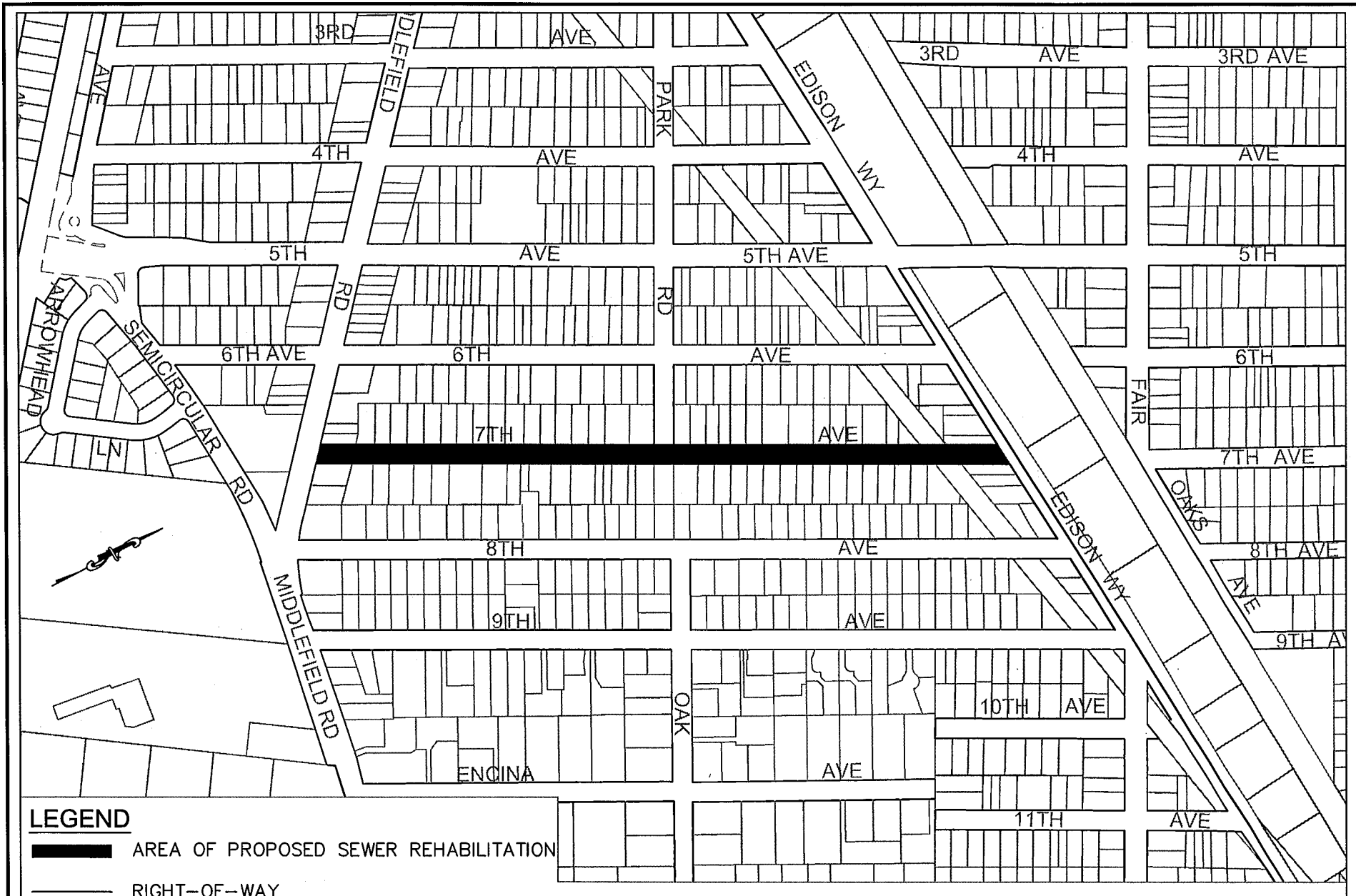
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James C. Porter
Director of Public Works

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Encl. Location Map
San Mateo County Sewer Information Guide



LEGEND

- AREA OF PROPOSED SEWER REHABILITATION
- RIGHT-OF-WAY



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7TH AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT
 FAIR OAKS SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

LOCATION MAP

SCALE: 1IN = 400FT

DATE: 09-25-2017

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