



Agenda Item No. _____

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Introduction Of Ordinance To Approve Licenses To Southern California Gas Company For The Airport Runway Safety Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving a License (Right-of-Way) and an Amendment to Right-of-Way with Southern California Gas Company, to Provide for the Realignment at Santa Barbara Airport of Certain Portions of an Existing Gas Pipeline.

DISCUSSION:

In order to relocate the Airport runway to provide the Federal Aviation Association runway safety area in connection with the recently completed Airport Runway Safety Project (Project), it was necessary to reconfigure and realign Tecolotito Creek at its confluence with Carneros Creek near the westerly end of Runway 7/25. The realignment of both creeks for the Project is shown on the Attachment.

The Project also required the realignment of certain natural gas pipelines and appurtenant facilities located on and across the Santa Barbara Airport, also shown on the Attachment.

The gas pipelines have been owned, operated, and maintained by Southern California Gas Company (Gas Company) for several decades, as set forth in various documents. In particular, portions of the gas pipelines were provided for in a right of way reserved in the deed by the Gas Company to the City of Santa Barbara recorded on April 9, 1941, as restated in an Agreement recorded on June 14, 1971, and in a license recorded on May 16, 1963.

The Project was completed in 2008, at which time the Gas Company surveyed the alignment of all existing and relocated portions of its gas pipeline. Because certain portions of the rights of way owned by the Gas Company were poorly described in recorded documents, the survey was done to enable preparation of new descriptions for the now existing gas pipeline. City staff and Gas Company advisors have collaborated

on the preparation of the proposed License (Right of Way) and the proposed Amendment to Right of Way recommended herein to better describe the gas pipeline alignment and to set forth the respective elements.

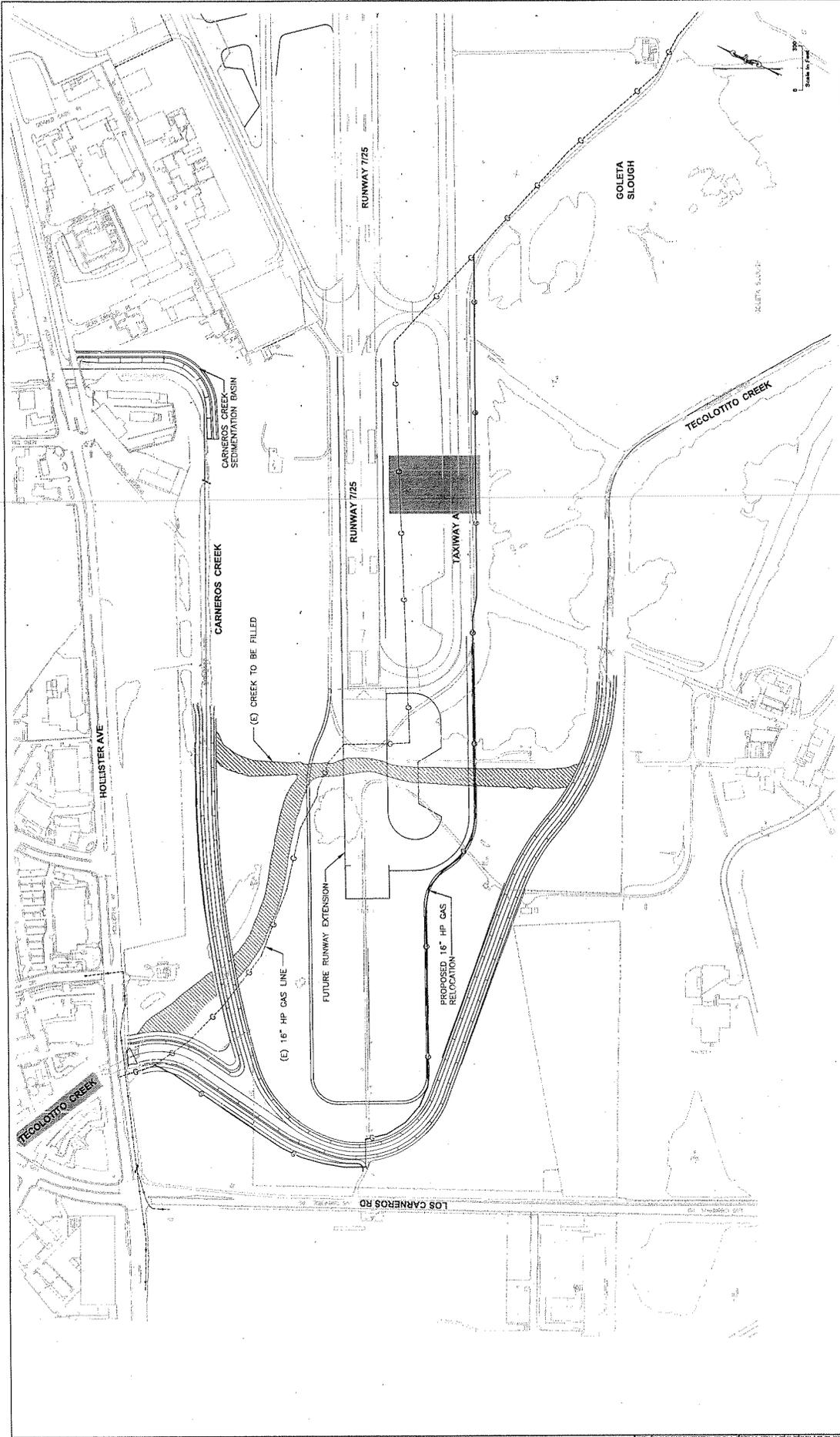
If the proposed new rights of way are approved by ordinance as recommended, the existing and newly installed pipelines across Santa Barbara Airport will still be owned, used, and maintained by the Gas Company. As set forth in the proposed Ordinance, and as set forth in the respective License (Right of Way) and Amendment to Right of Way, all of the superseded, vacated, and removed portions of the gas pipeline, along with superseded rights of way owned by the Gas Company, shall automatically be abandoned without further action by the Gas Company upon its acceptance and recordation of the new rights of way.

ATTACHMENT: Vicinity map of Creeks and Gas Pipelines Realigned for Airport Project

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