Franklin Boulevard Complete Street Project (T15165500)
Mitigated Negative Declaration
Comments and Responses
October 15, 2018

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Franklin Boulevard Complete Street project (T15165500) was circulated for public comment from August 30, 2018 to October 1, 2018. Written comments were received as follows:

- PG&E: August 30, 2018 and October 4, 2018
- Regional San: September 5, 2018
- SMUD: October 1, 2018

Each of the comments is attached.

Each of the comments addressed the project site and conditions as they relate to the particular areas of concern of the respective commenting agency or company. The comments are acknowledged by the City and have been considered as part of the project planning and its implementation.

None of the comments identified any new significant effect, increase in severity of an impact identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, or provided significant new information. Recirculation of the Mitigated Negative Declaration is not required.
August 30, 2018

Tom Buford  
City of Sacramento  
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Sacramento, CA 95811

Ref: Gas and Electric Transmission and Distribution

Dear Mr. Buford,

Thank you for submitting T15165500 plans for our review. PG&E will review the submitted plans in relationship to any existing Gas and Electric facilities within the project area. If the proposed project is adjacent/or within PG&E owned property and/or easements, we will be working with you to ensure compatible uses and activities near our facilities.

Attached you will find information and requirements as it relates to Gas facilities (Attachment 1) and Electric facilities (Attachment 2). Please review these in detail, as it is critical to ensure your safety and to protect PG&E’s facilities and its existing rights.

Below is additional information for your review:

1. This plan review process does not replace the application process for PG&E gas or electric service your project may require. For these requests, please continue to work with PG&E Service Planning: https://www.pge.com/en_US/business/services/building-and-renovation/overview/overview.page.

2. If the project being submitted is part of a larger project, please include the entire scope of your project, and not just a portion of it. PG&E’s facilities are to be incorporated within any CEQA document. PG&E needs to verify that the CEQA document will identify any required future PG&E services.

3. An engineering deposit may be required to review plans for a project depending on the size, scope, and location of the project and as it relates to any rearrangement or new installation of PG&E facilities.

Any proposed uses within the PG&E fee strip and/or easement, may include a California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) Section 851 filing. This requires the CPUC to render approval for a conveyance of rights for specific uses on PG&E’s fee strip or easement. PG&E will advise if the necessity to incorporate a CPUC Section 851 filing is required.

This letter does not constitute PG&E’s consent to use any portion of its easement for any purpose not previously conveyed. PG&E will provide a project specific response as required.

Sincerely,

Plan Review Team  
Land Management
Attachment 1 – Gas Facilities

There could be gas transmission pipelines in this area which would be considered critical facilities for PG&E and a high priority subsurface installation under California law. Care must be taken to ensure safety and accessibility. So, please ensure that if PG&E approves work near gas transmission pipelines it is done in adherence with the below stipulations. Additionally, the following link provides additional information regarding legal requirements under California excavation laws: [http://usanorth811.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/CA-LAW-English.pdf](http://usanorth811.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/CA-LAW-English.pdf)

1. Standby Inspection: A PG&E Gas Transmission Standby Inspector must be present during any demolition or construction activity that comes within 10 feet of the gas pipeline. This includes all grading, trenching, substructure depth verifications (potholes), asphalt or concrete demolition/removal, removal of trees, signs, light poles, etc. This inspection can be coordinated through the Underground Service Alert (USA) service at 811. A minimum notice of 48 hours is required. Ensure the USA markings and notifications are maintained throughout the duration of your work.

2. Access: At any time, PG&E may need to access, excavate, and perform work on the gas pipeline. Any construction equipment, materials, or spoils may need to be removed upon notice. Any temporary construction fencing installed within PG&E’s easement would also need to be capable of being removed at any time upon notice. Any plans to cut temporary slopes exceeding a 1:4 grade within 10 feet of a gas transmission pipeline need to be approved by PG&E Pipeline Services in writing PRIOR to performing the work.

3. Wheel Loads: To prevent damage to the buried gas pipeline, there are weight limits that must be enforced whenever any equipment gets within 10 feet of traversing the pipe.

   Ensure a list of the axle weights of all equipment being used is available for PG&E’s Standby Inspector. To confirm the depth of cover, the pipeline may need to be potholed by hand in a few areas.

   Due to the complex variability of tracked equipment, vibratory compaction equipment, and cranes, PG&E must evaluate those items on a case-by-case basis prior to use over the gas pipeline (provide a list of any proposed equipment of this type noting model numbers and specific attachments).

   No equipment may be set up over the gas pipeline while operating. Ensure crane outriggers are at least 10 feet from the centerline of the gas pipeline. Transport trucks must not be parked over the gas pipeline while being loaded or unloaded.

4. Grading: PG&E requires a minimum of 36 inches of cover over gas pipelines (or existing grade if less) and a maximum of 7 feet of cover at all locations. The graded surface cannot exceed a cross slope of 1:4.

5. Excavating: Any digging within 2 feet of a gas pipeline must be dug by hand. Note that while the minimum clearance is only 12 inches, any excavation work within 24 inches of the edge of a pipeline must be done with hand tools. So to avoid having to dig a trench entirely with hand tools, the edge of the trench must be over 24 inches away. (Doing the math for a 24 inch wide trench being dug along a 36 inch pipeline, the centerline of the trench would need to be at least 54 inches \([24/2 + 24 + 36/2 = 54]\) away, or be entirely dug by hand.)
Water jetting to assist vacuum excavating must be limited to 1000 psig and directed at a 40° angle to the pipe. All pile driving must be kept a minimum of 3 feet away.

Any plans to expose and support a PG&E gas transmission pipeline across an open excavation need to be approved by PG&E Pipeline Services in writing PRIOR to performing the work.

6. Boring/Trenchless Installations: PG&E Pipeline Services must review and approve all plans to bore across or parallel to (within 10 feet) a gas transmission pipeline. There are stringent criteria to pothole the gas transmission facility at regular intervals for all parallel bore installations.

For bore paths that cross gas transmission pipelines perpendicularly, the pipeline must be potholed a minimum of 2 feet in the horizontal direction of the bore path and a minimum of 12 inches in the vertical direction from the bottom of the pipe with minimum clearances measured from the edge of the pipe in both directions. Standby personnel must watch the locator trace (and every ream pass) the path of the bore as it approaches the pipeline and visually monitor the pothole (with the exposed transmission pipe) as the bore traverses the pipeline to ensure adequate clearance with the pipeline. The pothole width must account for the inaccuracy of the locating equipment.

7. Substructures: All utility crossings of a gas pipeline should be made as close to perpendicular as feasible (90° +/- 15°). All utility lines crossing the gas pipeline must have a minimum of 12 inches of separation from the gas pipeline. Parallel utilities, pole bases, water line ‘kicker blocks’, storm drain inlets, water meters, valves, back pressure devices or other utility substructures are not allowed in the PG&E gas pipeline easement.

If previously retired PG&E facilities are in conflict with proposed substructures, PG&E must verify they are safe prior to removal. This includes verification testing of the contents of the facilities, as well as environmental testing of the coating and internal surfaces. Timelines for PG&E completion of this verification will vary depending on the type and location of facilities in conflict.

8. Structures: No structures are to be built within the PG&E gas pipeline easement. This includes buildings, retaining walls, fences, decks, patios, carports, septic tanks, storage sheds, tanks, loading ramps, or any structure that could limit PG&E’s ability to access its facilities.

9. Fencing: Permanent fencing is not allowed within PG&E easements except for perpendicular crossings which must include a 16 foot wide gate for vehicular access. Gates will be secured with PG&E corporation locks.

10. Landscaping: Landscaping must be designed to allow PG&E to access the pipeline for maintenance and not interfere with pipeline coatings or other cathodic protection systems. No trees, shrubs, brush, vines, and other vegetation may be planted within the easement area. Only those plants, ground covers, grasses, flowers, and low-growing plants that grow unsupported to a maximum of four feet (4’) in height at maturity may be planted within the easement area.

11. Cathodic Protection: PG&E pipelines are protected from corrosion with an “Impressed Current” cathodic protection system. Any proposed facilities, such as metal conduit, pipes,
service lines, ground rods, anodes, wires, etc. that might affect the pipeline cathodic protection system must be reviewed and approved by PG&E Corrosion Engineering.

12. **Pipeline Marker Signs:** PG&E needs to maintain pipeline marker signs for gas transmission pipelines in order to ensure public awareness of the presence of the pipelines. With prior written approval from PG&E Pipeline Services, an existing PG&E pipeline marker sign that is in direct conflict with proposed developments may be temporarily relocated to accommodate construction work. The pipeline marker must be moved back once construction is complete.

13. **PG&E** is also the provider of distribution facilities throughout many of the areas within the state of California. Therefore, any plans that impact PG&E’s facilities must be reviewed and approved by PG&E to ensure that no impact occurs which may endanger the safe operation of its facilities.
Attachment 2 – Electric Facilities

It is PG&E’s policy to permit certain uses on a case by case basis within its electric transmission fee strip(s) and/or easement(s) provided such uses and manner in which they are exercised, will not interfere with PG&E’s rights or endanger its facilities. Some examples/restrictions are as follows:

1. Buildings and Other Structures: No buildings or other structures including the foot print and eave of any buildings, swimming pools, wells or similar structures will be permitted within fee strip(s) and/or easement(s) areas. PG&E’s transmission easement shall be designated on subdivision/parcel maps as “RESTRICTED USE AREA – NO BUILDING.”

2. Grading: Cuts, trenches or excavations may not be made within 25 feet of our towers. Developers must submit grading plans and site development plans (including geotechnical reports if applicable), signed and dated, for PG&E’s review. PG&E engineers must review grade changes in the vicinity of our towers. No fills will be allowed which would impair ground-to-conductor clearances. Towers shall not be left on mounds without adequate road access to base of tower or structure.

3. Fences: Walls, fences, and other structures must be installed at locations that do not affect the safe operation of PG&E’s facilities. Heavy equipment access to our facilities must be maintained at all times. Metal fences are to be grounded to PG&E specifications. No wall, fence or other like structure is to be installed within 10 feet of tower footings and unrestricted access must be maintained from a tower structure to the nearest street. Walls, fences and other structures proposed along or within the fee strip(s) and/or easement(s) will require PG&E review; submit plans to PG&E Centralized Review Team for review and comment.

4. Landscaping: Vegetation may be allowed; subject to review of plans. On overhead electric transmission fee strip(s) and/or easement(s), trees and shrubs are limited to those varieties that do not exceed 15 feet in height at maturity. PG&E must have access to its facilities at all times, including access by heavy equipment. No planting is to occur within the footprint of the tower legs. Greenbelts are encouraged.

5. Reservoirs, Sumps, Drainage Basins, and Ponds: Prohibited within PG&E’s fee strip(s) and/or easement(s) for electric transmission lines.

6. Automobile Parking: Short term parking of movable passenger vehicles and light trucks (pickups, vans, etc.) is allowed. The lighting within these parking areas will need to be reviewed by PG&E; approval will be on a case by case basis. Heavy equipment access to PG&E facilities is to be maintained at all times. Parking is to clear PG&E structures by at least 10 feet. Protection of PG&E facilities from vehicular traffic is to be provided at developer’s expense AND to PG&E specifications. Blocked-up vehicles are not allowed. Carports, canopies, or awnings are not allowed.

7. Storage of Flammable, Explosive or Corrosive Materials: There shall be no storage of fuel or combustibles and no fueling of vehicles within PG&E’s easement. No trash bins or incinerators are allowed.

8. Streets and Roads: Access to facilities must be maintained at all times. Street lights may be allowed in the fee strip(s) and/or easement(s) but in all cases must be reviewed by PG&E for
proper clearance. Roads and utilities should cross the transmission easement as nearly at right angles as possible. Road intersections will not be allowed within the transmission easement.

9. Pipelines: Pipelines may be allowed provided crossings are held to a minimum and to be as nearly perpendicular as possible. Pipelines within 25 feet of PG&E structures require review by PG&E. Sprinklers systems may be allowed; subject to review. Leach fields and septic tanks are not allowed. Construction plans must be submitted to PG&E for review and approval prior to the commencement of any construction.

10. Signs: Signs are not allowed except in rare cases subject to individual review by PG&E.

11. Recreation Areas: Playgrounds, parks, tennis courts, basketball courts, barbecue and light trucks (pickups, vans, etc.) may be allowed; subject to review of plans. Heavy equipment access to PG&E facilities is to be maintained at all times. Parking is to clear PG&E structures by at least 10 feet. Protection of PG&E facilities from vehicular traffic is to be provided at developer’s expense AND to PG&E specifications.

12. Construction Activity: Since construction activity will take place near PG&E’s overhead electric lines, please be advised it is the contractor’s responsibility to be aware of, and observe the minimum clearances for both workers and equipment operating near high voltage electric lines set out in the High-Voltage Electrical Safety Orders of the California Division of Industrial Safety (https://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/sb5g2.html), as well as any other safety regulations. Contractors shall comply with California Public Utilities Commission General Order 95 (http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/gos/GO95/go_95_startup_page.html) and all other safety rules. No construction may occur within 25 feet of PG&E’s towers. All excavation activities may only commence after 811 protocols has been followed.

Contractor shall ensure the protection of PG&E’s towers and poles from vehicular damage by (installing protective barriers) Plans for protection barriers must be approved by PG&E prior to construction.

13. PG&E is also the owner of distribution facilities throughout many of the areas within the state of California. Therefore, any plans that impact PG&E’s facilities must be reviewed and approved by PG&E to ensure that no impact occurs that may endanger the safe and reliable operation of its facilities.
October 4, 2018

Mr. Tom Buford  
City of Sacramento  
300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: Franklin Boulevard Complete Street Project (T15165500)  
Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento

Mr. Buford:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to review the subject plans. The proposed Franklin Boulevard project is within the same vicinity of PG&E’s existing facilities that impact this property. PG&E has gas distribution facilities installed within the Franklin Boulevard right of way.

Please contact the Building and Renovation Center (BRSC) for facility map requests at BRSCSSR@pge.com and PG&E’s Service Planning department at www.pge.com/ccp for any modification or relocation requests, or for any additional services you may require. Prior to commencing any construction activities, please contact Underground Service Alert (USA) by calling 811 so all underground facilities can be accurately located and marked.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact me at john.spigott@pge.com.

Sincerely,

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Land Management  
925-328-5122
September 5, 2018

Mr. Tom Buford  
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Sacramento, CA 95811

Subject: Notice of Availability/Intent to Approve a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Franklin Boulevard Complete Streets Project (T15165500)

Dear Mr. Buford,

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) has reviewed the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and has the following comments.

The City of Sacramento (City) propose to improve and rehabilitate Franklin Boulevard for approximately 1.6 miles, from 41st Avenue to Sutterville Road/12th Avenue, into a complete street. The proposed project would change the existing five-lane road to a three-lane road in order to reconfigure the right-of-way to accommodate the multimodal and accessibility needs of the community.

The proposed project will have no significant impacts on Regional San facilities. No further comments are needed at this time.

Regional San Advisories:

1. The Sacramento Area Sewer District (SASD) has a 30-inch sanitary sewer trunk line located within Franklin Boulevard within the proposed project’s boundaries. SASD will respond via separate correspondence.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (916) 876-6104 or by email: armstrongro@sacsewer.com.

Sincerely,

Robb Armstrong  
Regional San Development Services & Plan Check
Dear Mr. Buford:

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Franklin Boulevard Complete Street Project (Project, T15165500). SMUD is the primary energy provider for Sacramento County and the proposed Project area. SMUD’s vision is to empower our customers with solutions and options that increase energy efficiency, protect the environment, reduce global warming, and lower the cost to serve our region. As a Responsible Agency, SMUD aims to ensure that the proposed Project limits the potential for significant environmental effects on SMUD facilities, employees, and customers.

It is our desire that the Project MND will acknowledge any Project impacts related to the following:

- Overhead and or underground transmission and distribution line easements. Please view the following links on smud.org for more information regarding transmission encroachment:
- Utility line routing
- Any potential relocation or removal of existing SMUD facilities on or adjacent to the project area, applicant is responsible for the cost of relocation or removal
- Rights to use any portion of SMUD’s easements on or adjacent to the project area
- Interruptions to electrical service
- Electrical load needs/requirements
- Energy Efficiency
- Climate Change
• Cumulative impacts related to the need for increased electrical delivery

More specifically, SMUD would like to have the following details related to the electrical infrastructure incorporated into the project description:

• All conditions listed in the attached “Gas Pipeline Agreement” between the City of Sacramento and SMUD, dated April 18, 2017, still apply.

SMUD would like to be involved with discussing the above areas of interest as well as discussing any other potential issues. We aim to be partners in the efficient and sustainable delivery of the proposed Project. Please ensure that the information included in this response is conveyed to the Project planners and the appropriate Project proponents.

Environmental leadership is a core value of SMUD and we look forward to collaborating with you on this Project. Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this MND. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact SMUD’s Environmental Management Specialist, Rob Ferrera, at rob.ferrera@smud.org or 916.732.6676.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Rob Ferrera

Encl. Gas Pipeline Letter Agreement dated 4/18/18
April 18, 2017

City of Sacramento
Engineering Services Division
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RE: Gas Pipeline Letter Agreement (Franklin Boulevard Streetscape)

Dear Megan Johnson, PE,

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) maintains a 20” high pressure natural gas pipeline that runs down the middle of Fruittidge Road in Sacramento (Exhibit A), California and could impact work you are planning shown on the attached Plans (City of Sacramento Franklin Boulevard Complete Streets Project Area Map(Exhibit B)).

SMUD requires the following comments be adhered to and agreed upon prior to any work commencing:

1) If you plan to dig within 100 feet of the SMUD natural gas pipeline you must call the One-Call Notification System for Northern California at 1-800-227-2600 or dial 811 at least 48 hours before any excavation is performed. In cases where work to be performed is within 20 feet of the pipeline or the project work includes any crossing of the pipeline regardless of vertical separation distance, SMUD standby staff must be present prior to starting work.

2) Potholing is required in order to locate and determine the depth of cover of SMUD's gas pipeline.

3) If installation requires crossing SMUD's gas pipeline with a metallic structure, SMUD shall install an Electrical Test Station on its line. Third party shall install a test station for its line or structure, and the stations shall be located adjacent to each other. Notes shall be added to the applicable drawing to show this requirement.

4) If installation requires crossing SMUD's gas pipeline with a metallic structure, the Competent Engineer may require that a dielectric mat be installed between the pipelines at the crossing. The mat installation and material must conform to SMUD's "Neoprene Mat Installation Schematic" drawing. Please add notes to the applicable drawing to show this requirement.

5) When Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) is to be used, witness trenching may be required upstream and downstream of the drill with a depth below the bottom of SMUD's gas pipeline. The witness trenches shall be in the same vertical plane at the directional bore.
6) Contractors working on or around SMUD's gas pipeline shall at no time exceed the load limits for construction equipment which may work or transit over the pipeline. The contractor is responsible for field verifying the depths of pipeline cover and adjusting their equipment loading, placement locations, and all associated activities to meet SMUD's load limits.

7) Please provide the contact information for the project manager. A kick-off meeting must be held at the site prior to the start of construction near the SMUD pipeline. SMUD strongly recommends that a project engineering staff member be present at this meeting.

- No Transmission conflicts exist.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 732-5326 or duncan.mccormack@smud.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

[Signature]

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The blue line represents the location of SMUD’s underground gas pipeline.