

**SHAKOPEE PUBLIC UTILITIES
MEMORANDUM**

TO: John Crooks, Utilities Manager 
FROM: Joseph D. Adams, Planning & Engineering Director 
SUBJECT: CR 78/79 Overhead Facilities Relocation
DATE: February 16, 2017

ISSUE

Scott County is constructing a regional trail along CR 78 from Jennifer Lane to CR 79 and along CR 79 from CR 78 to CR 16/17th Avenue during 2017. The planned improvements of the trail in this area will require the relocation of approximately 650 feet of the double circuit overhead three phase electric utility feeder lines designated SS-31 and SS-34 along CR 78.

BACKGROUND

SS-31 and SS-34 run along the north side of CR 78 in the project area, extending east from CR 79.

DISCUSSION

Staff has reviewed the preliminary construction plans for the improvements within the right of way and has determined:

This section of SS-31 and SS-34 must be relocated due to the planned regional trail construction. The estimated cost to construct replacement overhead facilities and to remove the existing lines and power poles that have to be relocated is \$49,577, which includes \$3,300 for removal.

The cost for construction of new overhead facilities plus removal and retirement of the existing overhead facilities that have to be relocated would be absorbed as an operating expense.

The estimated cost to relocate this section of SS-31 and SS-34 underground would be approximately \$59,440, which includes \$3,300 for removal. The removal cost would be absorbed as an operating expense. Should the City Council, under their right of way management authority, order the relocated facilities be placed underground the additional cost of \$9,863 (\$59,440-\$49,577), would per Commission policy be funded out of the Underground Relocation Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends:

1. The Commission accepts the estimated costs to relocate overhead facilities due to the planned 2017 CR 78/79 regional trail improvement project.
2. The Commission directs staff to forward the estimated costs to the Council to aid the Council in making their determination under the City's Right of Way Management Ordinance whether or not to order the overhead facilities to be relocated underground.

REQUESTED ACTION

Staff requests the Commission adopt the recommended actions.

