

Item 10C - Transformer Undergrounding Presentation  
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# Site Features: Undergrounding of Transformers



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## Agenda

- I. Background
- II. Proposed Changes
- III. Policy Decisions



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## I. Background

- PG&E rejections for undergrounding
- March 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission interest on the issue

## Proposed Changes

- Expand the Site Features section applicability to all zoning districts.
- Require any new transformers serving residential or mixed-use development on parcels below a specified size to be installed below grade.



## Direction from Planning Commission

- What should be the minimum parcel size that triggers the undergrounding requirement?
- Should the transformer undergrounding requirement for such projects be tied to an all-electric construction requirement?

## Staff Recommendation

- **Conduct a public hearing, receive public comment, and upon conclusion make a recommendation to City Council on proposed amendments to Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 23.304.100**

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**Thank you!**

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