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Project Fact Sheet

Assessment District 124 – Central Balboa Island

ABOUT THIS PROJECT

The property owners within a roughly 50-block area of Central Balboa Island approved an underground utility assessment district, known as Assessment District No. 124 (AD 124). The City Council held the Public Hearing on July 27, 2021, where ballots were counted, the majority voted “yes” and AD 124 was formed. The “yes” vote percentage of 65% was one of the highest on record. The estimated total cost of AD 124 is almost \$33 million.

CURRENT STATUS

Good News! Asplundh Construction, LLC will be done with the major utility undergrounding of Phase 2 construction by the end of the year. See the reverse side for the current phasing map of construction.

Residential conversion for Phase 1 began in May of 2025. Property owners in Phase 2 will receive notice to begin their residential conversions in 2026. Please do not hire an electrical contractor until you have received the conversion letter from the City. There are several contractors listed on the letter who are familiar with overhead to underground conversion, but you can hire any C-10 licensed contractor as long as they can get a permit through Public Works. Please note that if everyone hires the same contractor, the processes required before pole removal will take longer.

Pavement restoration along Park Ave and S Bayfront alley between Agate Ave and Grand Canal will occur in the new year. Plans are currently being designed by a consultant and we hope to bid the project by the end of the year. Property owners along S Bayfront alley should complete their conversions as soon as possible.

We have been informed by SCE that additional conduit work is required on North Bayfront at three locations. Unfortunately, the North Bayfront alley will be closed periodically in October/November to install the new conduits. Also, night bridge work is expected by SCE starting in October, resulting in a night flagging operation for traffic. Please plan accordingly.

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Get more information from the City of Newport Beach, including project phasing, at the assessment district website: www.newportbeachca.gov/ADstatus. If you would like E-mail updates on this please send that request to PWinfo@Newportbeachca.gov to get on the list.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- **Construction:**
 - Residential Conversions & Cabling- May 2025 though 2027 (estimated)
 - Pole Removal – 2028 (estimated)

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Assessment District Funds

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