

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Conversion of Overhead Facilities to Underground @ Bush Blvd & 17-92,

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services **DIVISION:** Administrative Services

AUTHORIZED BY: Robert Frank **CONTACT:** Jamie Croteau **EXT.** 5277

Agenda Date <u>3/25/03</u>	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent <input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session <input type="checkbox"/>	Briefing <input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/>		Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>	

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to negotiate a two phase agreement for the conversion of overhead power lines to underground lines on US 17-92 in front of the Criminal Justice Center, and authorize Chairman to execute the necessary agreement for the first phase (conduit installation) at a not-to-exceed cost of \$38,509.

BACKGROUND:

At the February 11, 2003, Board of County Commissioners Meeting, the Board directed staff to look further into the possibility of converting the power lines along 17-92. Staff has been in contact with Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) to discuss the cost for the conversion.

FPL has indicated the cost to convert the lines is approximately \$103,681. Although FPL has waived the engineering deposit they are requesting payment prior to the commencement of the construction. No funds are currently budgeted for this item. The County currently holds approximately \$750,000 in contingency on the Courthouse Expansion Project.

Florida Power and Light has indicated that they are willing to split the project into two phases. The first phase will include the installation of conduit for the future conversion of the lines. This phase would take place at the time FPL installs service to the new Criminal Justice Center. The cost for phase one is \$38,509 and would be paid from project contingency. Phase two would include the actual conversion of the overhead lines to underground and cost \$78, 935. This phase could take place any time in the future that funds are available.

Florida Power and Light will also be providing automatic transfer switches to both the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building and new Criminal Justice Center during the first phase of the project.

Staff is seeking authorization to negotiate a two phase agreement for the conversion of the overhead power lines to underground lines on US 17-92 in front of the Criminal Justice Center, and authorization for the Chairman to execute the agreement necessary for the first phase (conduit installation) at a not-to-exceed cost of \$38,509.

Reviewed by: _____ Co Atty: <u>[Signature]</u> DFS: _____ Other: _____ DCM: <u>[Signature]</u> CM: <u>[Signature]</u> File No. <u>RAS-01</u>
