

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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**BOARD OF RECREATION  
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SUBJECT: VALLEY COLLEGE BRIDGE - CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO THE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC ART RESOURCE CENTER (SPARC) TO BID, AWARD, AND CONSTRUCT A NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

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Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Grant approval of the construction documents and specifications prepared by the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC) and its consultant, wHY Architecture, for the construction of a new, solar power lit, pedestrian bridge over the Tujunga Wash; and,
2. Authorize SPARC to bid, award, and construct the Valley College Bridge.

SUMMARY:

The dilapidated Valley College Bridge overcrossing the Tujunga Wash between Oxnard Street and Burbank Boulevard, just east of Los Angeles Valley College, was demolished on October 2, 2008 by staff of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and its on-call sub-contract vendor in preparation for the construction of a new, solar lit, pedestrian bridge to be spearheaded by SPARC as part of its efforts to restore "The Great Wall of Los Angeles" mural along the Tujunga Wash within the subject reach.

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SPARC has entered into various agreements with both the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) and the City of Los Angeles to enable it to restore the mural and to design and build a new, solar power-lit, pedestrian bridge with interpretive stations located on the bridge. The RAP Board has previously approved the agreements, along with a conceptual plan for the new bridge (Board Report No. 07-81).

SPARC, with the assistance of its consultant, wHY Architecture, have completed the construction documents. The new pedestrian bridge will be a single span, steel girder, composite concrete and steel decked bridge measuring approximately 100 feet in length and 13 feet in width. It will be supported by 30 inch diameter concrete piles on both ends of the bridge. Above the bridge is a metal roof structure to support future photovoltaic cells to light the bridge.

Approvals and permits have been obtained from the US Army Corp of Engineers and LACFCD. RAP's Planning and Construction has also reviewed the construction documents, as has staff of the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE). It is recommended to the Department of Recreation and Park Board of Commissioners (Board) to approve the plans and specifications for the Los Angeles Valley College Bridge project and to authorize SPARC to proceed to bid, award, and construction of the project.

SPARC has secured funding for the project through grants from the California Cultural Historical Endowment and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy totaling \$1.665 million, with a matching fund from the City's Sites and Facilities in the not-to-exceed amount of \$297,400.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff has determined that the proposed construction will have no significant impact on the environment. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk's office on December 18, 2006 and posted by the County Clerk's office on December 18, 2006. Subsequently, another NOE was filed on July 16, 2010 for a modified project scope for display lighting.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund. All funds are provided by the above-listed funding sources as specifically identified and approved for use on this project. The future operation and maintenance costs have yet to be determined.

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