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BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: ALGIN SUTTON RECREATION CENTER – STREETS ALONG PARK EDGES PROJECT – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Conceptually approve the scope of work for the Algin Sutton Recreation Center – Streets Along Park Edges Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Staff to return to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) with final plans for the Project; and,
3. Authorize RAP Staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Algin Sutton Recreation Center is located at 8800 South Hoover Street in the South Los Angeles community of the City. This 16.46-acre facility provides baseball diamonds, a children’s play area, a swimming pool, splash pad, basketball courts, and a recreation center. Approximately 11,350 residents live within a one-half mile distance of Algin Sutton Recreation Center. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features, and programs it provides, Algin Sutton Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

RAP has been working in partnership with the Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services (Streets LA) to identify locations where improvements could be made to public parks and in the adjacent public right of way in order to enhance the edges of the parks and provide for an improved pedestrian experience. As a part of those discussions, Algin Sutton Recreation Center was identified as a location where various improvements could be made along the edges of the park.

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The proposed Algin Sutton Recreation Center – Streets Along Park Edges Project (Project) would implement sidewalk improvements, streetscape elements, landscaping improvements, new trees, and park lighting along the south side (90th Street) of Algin Sutton Recreation Center. The goal of the Project is to improve pedestrian safety, beautify the site, increase sustainability, and to enhance the overall pedestrian experience for local residents and park users.

The proposed Project would widen an approximately 630-foot segment of the public sidewalk along 90th Street from 5 feet to 10 feet in order to allow for a consistent path of travel. A double row of trees would be added to both sides of the sidewalks and the trees in the parkway will include tree grates to allow people to access the sidewalk easily when parking on the street. Larger scale trees would be planted in a row adjacent to the sidewalk, on park property, in order to provide additional shade. An improved entrance into the park with permeable pavers, seat walls, and a native learning garden would also be installed. The native learning garden will include interpretive signage to educate users about the types of native plants of California. In addition to the learning garden, a plaza with permeable pavers and arched seat wall will be implemented. A concept illustration of the proposed Project is attached to this report (Attachment No. 1).

It should be noted that the expansion of the public sidewalk from 5 feet to 10 feet will result in the expanded portion of the sidewalk being on park property. Since this expansion is not intended as an expansion of the public right of way, RAP will be responsible for that expanded portion of the sidewalk which is on park property, including any liability that occurs on that portion of the sidewalk. In addition, any future repairs and maintenance of the sidewalk will need to be coordinated with Streets LA.

The Office of Council District 8 supports the proposed Project.

The proposed Project was presented to RAP's Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force (Task Force) on December 16th, 2021.

PROJECT FUNDING

The funding for the proposed Project would be from the Clean California Local Grants Program (CCLGP).

The Department of Public Works Bureau of Street Services (Streets LA) is planning to apply for approximately \$1,140,000 in funding from the CCLGP program for the Project. The CCLGP grant application is due in February 2022 and will be awarded in March 2022. The proposed Project was included in the prioritized list of projects approved by the Los Angeles City Council for application submission to the CCLGP program (Council File No. 21-1169).

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If the CCLGP funding is awarded to the project, RAP and Streets LA would coordinate on the design and implementation of the project. Streets LA has already conducted some initial public outreach for the project, including to the nearby school. As a part of the development of the final design and plans for the project, RAP and Streets LA would conduct additional outreach to the local community for input on the Project.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Algin Sutton Recreation Center.

As previously noted, the Project scope includes the addition of new trees in the park and in the adjacent public right of way. However the number, types, size, and species of these trees has not been determined at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Staff found that there is not enough detail about the project to provide a CEQA determination. CEQA will be addressed when the complete project scope and sufficient funds will be available.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of the concept plan for this Project will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund. The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed Project are anticipated to be funded by funding sources other than RAP's General fund.

The maintenance impacts of the proposed Project will be assessed and determined once the design of the project is completed. As noted, some of the proposed Project elements are proposed to be located in Algin Sutton Recreation Center and others would be located within the adjacent public right of way. As a result, RAP will be responsible for maintaining those portions of the sidewalk path that has been expanded into park property.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 2: All parks are safe and welcoming

Result: The proposed improvement to the public sidewalks and related landscaping, lighting, and pathway improvements at Algin Sutton Recreation Center will enhance the park user's experience.

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This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Project Concept

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

--- PROJECT BOUNDARY



A - PERSPECTIVE RENDER

SYMBOL LEGEND

-  DROUGHT TOLERANT SHADE TREE W/ MULCHED UNDERSTORY
-  DROUGHT TOLERANT STREET TREE W/ METAL GRATE
-  EDUCATIONAL C.A. NATIVE GARDEN
-  SEAT WALL W/ INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
-  PERMEABLE PAVING
-  WIDENED SIDEWALK (10 FEET)

VICINITY MAP



STREETS ALONG PARK EDGES: ALGIN SUTTON RECREATION CENTER

CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM | DECEMBER 2021

*Design Subject to Change