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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 40 YOUTH SOCCER (PROP 40 YS) VAN NUYS RECREATION CENTER SOCCER FIELD PROJECT (PRJ21065) - MODIFICATION OF PROJECT SCOPE) — NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) CONSIDERATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to modify the project scope for the Proposition 40 Youth Soccer Van Nuys Recreation Center Synthetic Field Project (Project No. PRJ21065) (Project), subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council, as follows:

FROM:

To install a new synthetic turf soccer field, irrigation system upgrades, fencing, and provide an accessible path of travel from parking lot to synthetic field and from synthetic field to restrooms.

TO:

To install a new synthetic turf soccer field, irrigation system upgrades, fencing, **sports netting, lighting, one ADA parking space, one motorcycle parking space**, and provide an accessible path of travel from parking lot to synthetic field and from synthetic field to restrooms.

2. Determine that no further action pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is necessary.

SUMMARY

In March 2016, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) released the Proposition 40 Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program (Prop 40 YS) Notice of Funding Availability advising that approximately \$16 to \$23 million was available to fund new and rehabilitated youth soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball recreation facilities located

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soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball recreation facilities located within density populated, low income, high crime areas. Grant applications are due by November 1, 2016.

In October 2017, the State awarded the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), the Prop 40 YS grant of \$980,376 for the Van Nuys Recreation Center Soccer Field Project (Project). The Project has the grant performance period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2025, to complete construction, close grant, and open the improved facility to the public (Report No. 16-217, October 4, 2016, 16-246, December 14, 2016, and Council File No. 16-1156).

The Van Nuys Recreation Center Soccer Field Project was also awarded in December 2016, the Proposition 1C 2015 Program Year for the Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP), of \$1,143,350.00 (Report No. 16-013, January 20, 2016, Council File No. 14-0996, February 17, 2016). The HRPP grant has a liquidation of September 30, 2018 and a shorter grant performance period. It was expended first for the new synthetic soccer field at the Van Nuys Recreation Center. The HRPP project scope also include irrigation upgrades and an accessible path of travel from the parking lot to synthetic field and from synthetic field to restrooms which are also completed by the HRPP grant liquidation date.

Under the Prop 40 YS, RAP staff has completed the fencing around the synthetic multi-purpose field and replaced fencing along the Van Nuys Recreation Center facility. The sports netting installation is in progress. There is still a Prop 40 YS balance of \$785,151 to be spent on soccer-related amenities.

RAP has completed all soccer field related amenities under the HRPP and part of the Prop 40 YS grants. Because funds remained available under the Prop 40 YS budget, RAP staff reached out to State Parks and asked that if the project scope could be expanded to include sports netting, lighting for the soccer field, an ADA parking space, and one motorcycle parking space. State Park has agreed pending the approval by RAP Board. RAP staff estimates that the Prop 40 YS balance is \$785,151 and would cover these additional scopes for the project.

In order to amend the Project scope under the Prop 40 YS guidelines, RAP is required to submit the following documents to the State of California (State):

1. A proposal letter signed by the authorized representative with the proposed amendment to the project scope.
2. A revised Grant Scope/Cost Estimate Form.
3. A new CEQA Compliance Certification Form with the CEQA Notice of Determination or Notice of Exemption on the additional scope elements.
4. A revised site plan (if appropriate) showing the additional recreational features or support amenities.

This additional project scope would need to be completed before the Prop 40 YS liquidation date of June 30, 2025.

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TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Amended Project does not require any trees to be removed. Since the amendment to the proposed Project focuses on sport netting and installing lighting, additional trees and shade structures are not part of the scope.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners approved the Van Nuys Recreation Center Synthetic Multipurpose Field on December 14, 2016 (BR 16-246) and exempted the Project from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it included the construction of limited numbers of new, small structures, which fall under Article III, Section 1, Class 3, Category 6 of City CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 19, Section 15303(e) of California CEQA Guidelines. The project also included the placement of accessory (appurtenant) facilities to an existing institutional facility, exempt from CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11, Category 3 of City CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 would apply. Staff found that the additional elements added to the project qualify as small structures that are accessory facilities to an existing institutional facility and that none of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply to the proposed Project. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board take no further CEQA action.

FISCAL IMPACT

The current balance of the Prop 40 YS Grant is \$785,151. If the proposed Amended Project is not completed by June 30, 2025, RAP will need to return any unspent Prop 40 YS Grant funds. There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund. However, future maintenance costs for Van Nuys Recreation Center will be adjusted in the next fiscal year budget for the LED lighting upgrade, fencing, and for ADA and motorcycle parking spaces.

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. 1:** Every Angeleno has walkable access to a park in their neighborhood
- Key Metric:** Percentage of Angelenos with park access within a ½ mile radius of their home
- Target:** 60% by 2022
- Result:** The upgrade of LED sports lighting to the Prop 40 YS Van Nuys Recreation Center Soccer Fields project will provide the

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approximately 14,186 residents in the ½ mile radius of the park with safe and extended access to recreational facilities.

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