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BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 23-004

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES RIVER BIKEPATH GREENWAY (SEPULVEDA TO KESTER) – LIGHTING AND SECURITY CAMERA IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21673) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(2) [OPERATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE OR MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES OF BOTH INVESTOR AND PUBLICLY OWNED UTILITIES, ELECTRICAL POWER, NATURAL GAS, SEWAGE, WATER, AND TELEPHONE, AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS SERVING EXISTING FACILITIES, INCLUDING ALTERATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE A SPECIFIC USE] AND CLASS 1(4) [RESTORATION OR REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED OR DAMAGED STRUCTURES, FACILITIES OR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS TO MEET CURRENT STANDARDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(b) AND 15302(d) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	<i>for</i> C. Santo Domingo	<u>DE</u>
B. Jackson	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Los Angeles River Bike path Greenway (Sepulveda to Kester) – Lighting and Security Camera Improvements (PRJ21673) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
3. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Board Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;

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4. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order number a maximum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) in Park Fees for Project;

FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.	WORK ORDER NO.
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074423

5. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) [Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities, electrical power, natural gas, sewage, water, and telephone, and mechanical systems serving existing facilities, including alterations to accommodate a specific use] and Class 1(4) [Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities or mechanical equipment and systems to meet current standards of public health, safety and environmental protection] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(b) and 15302(d) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption (NOE); and
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles River is 51 miles long and stretches from Canoga Park to Long Beach. Thirty-Two miles of the Los Angeles River (LA River) are within the City of Los Angeles. The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) is a land owner adjacent to the LA River and has Use Agreements with agencies such as the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) and other City departments for the operation and maintenance of other segments of the river. Due to the facility's size, features, programs and services it provides, the Los Angeles River meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project stretches from Sepulveda Boulevard and Kester Avenues along the south bank of the Los Angeles River. RAP has a Use Agreement with the LACFCD for this portion of

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the LA River for twenty-five (25) years from the approval of the agreement, which is set to expire on August 13, 2037 if no extension options are exercised (Report No. 12-110). This segment of the LA River provides a bike path, landscaping and seating.

The scope of work of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Improvements to the security cameras and existing lighting;
- Obtain the electrical permit and coordinate all inspections;
- Pull all new wires from circuit breaker to the base of each pole;
- Energize the existing light on each pole;
- Provide a construction schedule;
- Remove existing pull box at the base of each pole;
- Provide and install MR Steel pull box (Complete with MR1 key) in lieu of removed pull box;
- Ground the metal cover with the stainless steel bolt (leaving a loop to remove the cover);
- Various improvements to the security camera system.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project, which is the total budget for the Project inclusive of the contingency amounts set forth.

See below the anticipated pre-qualified on-call contract(s) and budget contingency amount(s) that will be used for the Project:

On-Call Contract	Contingency Amount
Electrical Construction	\$31,000.00

The Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of the LA River Project site which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for regional recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$120,000.00	100%
Total		\$120,000.00	100%

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Project and construction is anticipated to begin in Winter 2022/2023.

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project has no impact on the existing shade and trees at the LA River.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of repair of existing electrical power facilities and rehabilitation of deteriorated systems to meet current standards of safety.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on November 15, 2022, this area resides in a liquefaction zone and the repair of existing lights and cameras will not create conditions that could increase the risks associated with liquefaction. This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of November 15, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site. They have listed local case # XS0001662 within 500 feet of the project area. The case, a leaking underground storage tank, was closed in 2007, with no further action. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based in this information, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) and Class 1(4) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(b) and 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund. The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than RAP's

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General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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 improvements to the security camera improvements and lighting will enhance the park user's experience.

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