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BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-047

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SUBJECT: TUJUNGA GREENBELT AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE – LANDSCAPING AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21380) (PRJ21598) 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(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR SECURITY OR OPERATIONS]; CLASS 3(4) [INSTALLATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR SAFETY INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE]; CLASS 4(3) [NEW LANDSCAPING]; CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED], AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve the scope of work for the Tujunga Greenbelt & Pedestrian Bridge – Landscaping and Park Improvements (PRJ21380) (PRJ21598) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers a maximum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project:

Table with 3 columns: FUNDING SOURCE, FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO., WORK ORDER NO.
Row 1: Park Fees, 302/89/89716H, QT073302

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3. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
4. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this proposed Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
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(12) [Outdoor lighting for security or operations]; Class 3(4) [Installation of new equipment required for safety involving negligible or no expansion of use]; Class 4(3) [New landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored], and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse and 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 NOE; and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Tujunga Greenbelt & Pedestrian Bridge is located along Coldwater Canyon Boulevard between Oxnard Street and Chandler Boulevard in the Van Nuys area of the City. This 8.22-acre park provides walking paths, benches and landscaping for the surrounding community. Approximately 7,113 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance from Tujunga Greenbelt & Pedestrian Bridge. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Tujunga Greenbelt & Pedestrian Bridge and its Recreation Center meet the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Installation of new landscaping.
- Installation of new irrigation systems.
- Installation of new benches, trash receptacles and a hydration station.
- Installation of lighting and security cameras.
- Installation of fitness equipment.

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PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, RAP was awarded Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in Proposition 68 funds (Report No. 20-080). However, the State did not execute the grant agreement and revoked the funding. Therefore, RAP has identified new funding in order to implement the proposed Project.

Upon approval of this Report, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00).

These Park Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Tujunga Greenbelt & Pedestrian Bridge, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for neighborhood 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	\$700,000.00	100%
Total		\$700,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Fall 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Tujunga Greenbelt & Pedestrian Bridge.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of outdoor lighting for security or operations; installation of new equipment required for safety involving negligible or no expansion of use; new landscaping; minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored, and placement of minor structures accessory to institutional facilities.

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This site is not within a coastal or methane zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the 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 October 8, 2021, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) has not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. Furthermore, the project is located in proximity of The Great Wall of Los Angeles, a mural listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP # 1000001602), the construction of the project, however, will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of this historical resource.

As such, 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(12), Class 3(4), Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f), 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the State Clearinghouse and the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees 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 park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall 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 landscaping and outdoor improvements at Tujunga Greenbelt & Pedestrian Bridge will enhance the park user's experience.

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