REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE October 20, 2010

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BROADBAND LOS ANGELES COMPUTER ACCESS NETWORK (LA-CAN) CONSORTIUM - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS FOR THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA) BROADBAND GRANT

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed City of Los Angeles Broadband Los Angeles Computer Access Network (LA-CAN) Consortium Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding the ARRA Broadband Grant substantially in the form on file in the Board Office; subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;

2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith the proposed MOU, subsequent to approval of the City Attorney as to form; and,

3. Authorize the General Manager to execute the MOU, subsequent to approval of the City Attorney as to form.

BACKGROUND:

The Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) was established by Congress as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in 2009. Pursuant to the ARRA guidelines, the City of Los Angeles Information Technology Agency (ITA) submitted an application for a BTOP grant for a Public Computer Center (PCC) project in the State of California. A grant totaling $7,496,157 was awarded on January 13, 2010 to the City of Los
Angeles (City) for the PCC project entitled LA-CAN. The grant award was subsequently approved and accepted by the City Council and the Mayor on February 9, 2010 (CF# 090648-S17).

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles Broadband LA-CAN Consortium will obtain, allocate, and manage the BTOP grant funds as provided in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Consortium consists of Information Technology Agency (ITA), Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL), and Community Development Department (CDD). ITA is the lead agency for the LA-CAN project.

Based on its submittal, RAP was awarded $858,560 of the BTOP grant. These funds will allow RAP the opportunity to implement the broadband technology, wireless internet access, and training software at 72 of its Public Computer Centers. Implementation of these programs will enable City residents, who otherwise would not have internet access, to have broadband/wireless internet service available to them at RAP's PCCs. The MOU formalizes the administrative responsibilities of the grant between ITA, RAP, CDD and LAPL.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no negative fiscal impact as a result of this recommendation. In approving this MOU, the Department will be able to obtain the required funds to implement RAP's portion of the LA-CAN project.

This report was prepared by Linh Vo, Acting Director of Systems and approved by Noel D. Williams, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Division.