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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES RIVER BIKEPATH GREENWAY (LAUREL CANYON TO WHITSETT) – LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21604) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301(d) [RESTORATION OR REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED OR DAMAGED STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, OR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT TO MEET CURRENT STANDARDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY] AND SECTION 15302 [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(4) AND CLASS 2 OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre _____ M. Rudnick _____
B. Jones _____ for C. Santo Domingo DF
C. Stoneham _____ 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Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____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 (Laurel Canyon to Whitsett) – Lighting and Security Camera Improvements (PRJ21604) 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 \$200,000.00 in Park Fees for the proposed Project;

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT061216

3. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;

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4. 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;
5. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(d) [Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety] and Section 15302 [Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) and Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the California Office of Planning and Research;
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 an 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. 32 miles of the Los Angeles River are located within the City of Los Angeles. The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) is a land owner adjacent to the river; RAP has entered into 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 scope of work of the proposed Project consists of replacing the existing damaged hard wire lights with new solar lights and new poles along the river-adjacent bike path from Laurel Canyon Blvd to Whitsett Ave.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, \$200,000.00 in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project, which is the total budget including the budget contingency amount set forth below. See

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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
Park Facility Construction	\$50,000.00

The Park Fees were collected within ten miles of the Laurel Canyon-to-Whitsett 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	\$200,000.00	100%
Total		\$200,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Project. See below the anticipated Project schedule:

Phase	Duration
Predesign	N/A
Design	N/A
Bid and Award	November 2024 – December 2024
Construction	January 2025 – April 2025
Post Construction	May 2025 – October 2025

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at the Laurel Canyon to Whitsett Project site.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety and replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on November 1, 2024, this area resides in a liquefaction zone, but the construction of this Project will not create conditions that could lead to

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liquefaction. This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact 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 1, 2024, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site, although one case – RB Case #: 916070325 – is listed near the Project area (within 1,000 feet). The SWRCB closed that case in 1966, with a no further action letter. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, there is no scenic highway located within, or adjacent to, the Project 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, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(d) and Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(d) and Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the California Office of Planning and Research 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 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.

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