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BOARD REPORT

NO. 24-197

DATE September 19, 2024

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – TRAVEL TOWN SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21802) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302(c) [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING UTILITY SYSTEMS AND/OR FACILITIES INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF CAPACITY] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2(3) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre _____ M. Rudnick _____
 B. Jones _____ *C. Santo Domingo _____
 C. Stoneham _____ N. Williams _____



 General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Griffith Park – Travel Town Sewer Line Improvements (PRJ21802) 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 \$60,000.00 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	QM142579

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

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5. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302(c) [Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2(3) 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

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Los Feliz/Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73-acre park provides a wide variety of recreational programs and activities, such as train rides, a merry-go-round, hiking trails, and golf courses, for the local community. Approximately 18,155 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, and programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park 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 the following sewer line improvements on Zoo Drive:

- Saw, remove, and replace asphalt.
- Replace thermal stripping.
- Remove and replace approximately 4 inches of the 6-foot vitrified clay pipe.
- Install slurry backfill.
- Dispose of asphalt and dirt.
- Install steel plate after completion.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, \$60,000.00 in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project, which is the total budget including the budget contingency amount set forth below.

See 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
Multi W Systems	\$10,000.00

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The Park Fees were collected within ten miles of Griffith Park, 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	\$60,000.00	100%
Total		\$60,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

Phase	Duration
Pre-design	N/A
Design	N/A
Bid and Award	August 2024 – September 2024
Construction	October 2024 – November 2024
Post Construction	December 2024 – June 2025

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Griffith Park Travel Town.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of replacement of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved August 26, 2024, this area resides in a liquefaction zone. The construction of this Project will not create conditions that could lead to 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 August 26, 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 or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 1,000 feet). 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 located within Griffith park, a City of Los

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Angeles Historic Cultural Monument (HCM#942). The size of the proposed Project is minimal and this activity 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 15302(c) of California CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article III, Section 1, Class 2(3) of City CEQA Guidelines. 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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