

# Agenda Report

**DATE:** JUNE 30, 2003  
**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** CYNTHIA KURTZ, CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF THE FLINT WASH BRIDGE CROSSING PROJECT IN THE HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK (HWP) MASTER PLAN

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Acknowledge the previous certification of the MEIR and adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan.
- 2) Approve the Flint Wash Bridge Crossing Project of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan.
- 3) Direct staff to file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE HAHMONGNA WATERSHED PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE and the RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION:**

At the April 8, 2003 joint meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee, the Commission and the Committee, recommended the approval of the Flint Wash Bridge Crossing project to the City Council, as a part of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

This project will connect the west end of Devil's Gate Dam, at the southernmost end of Hahamongna Watershed Park, to the westside of the park via a bridge crossing over Flint Wash (See Project Map, Attachment A). The Flint Wash Bridge crossing project will provide a critical connection between the east and west sides of the park, connecting the

perimeter trail system (See Project Photo, Attachment B). This crossing plans to use a prefabricated metal bridge, 12 foot wide, with wood flooring to span approximately 150 feet across Flint Wash. The project is consistent with similar existing bridge crossings in the Arroyo Seco and will comply with the Design Guidelines for the Arroyo Seco. The project will come before the Design and Parks and Recreation Commissions at the preliminary design development phase of the project. The crossing will utilize an existing abutment from a previous bridge in this same location. Once completed, the crossing will allow access to bicyclists, equestrians, and hikers. Bicyclists will come onto the dam via the proposed access off of Oak Grove Drive, cross the dam, cross Flint Wash Bridge and then ride into the Oak Grove area of the park via the paved park road. Equestrians and hikers will come onto the dam via the eastside perimeter trail, the east rim trail or from the south via the Arroyo Seco Trail (part of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Rim of the Valley trail network), cross the dam, cross Flint Wash Bridge and then travel west up Flint Wash Trail (part of the Rim of the Valley Trail network) or north on the westside perimeter trail. So, the dam and Flint Wash Bridge are considered "shared" crossings for these various user groups along with emergency and maintenance vehicles.

Approval of this project would not authorize the approval of any other component of the final Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan, which will come before the City Council for approval on July 28, 2003.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

The Flint Wash Bridge crossing project was assessed by the MEIR for the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan. The Council certified the MEIR and adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations (for short-term air quality impacts) and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program on April 14, 2003. Staff recommends that a NOD (Notice of Determination) be filed with the County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research for this project, referencing the previously certified MEIR. NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act) compliance will be coordinated with the appropriate agencies administering federal funding and/or issuing federal permits.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

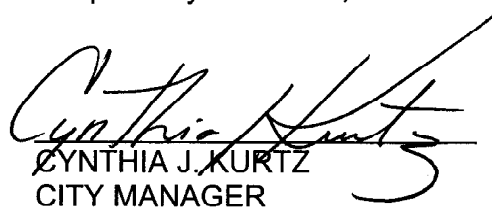
The preliminary cost estimate for the project is \$1.5 million. The following list of grants will provide \$1,352,500 of funding for the Flint Wash Bridge Crossing project. The remaining \$147,500 in funding will be provided by in-kind services and the operating budget.

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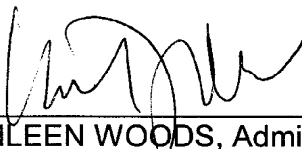
<u>Sponsoring Agency</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Req.'d Completion Date</u>
1) State of California- Recreational Trails Grant	\$200,000	June 30, 2004
2) TEA-Bicycle Transportation Account	\$300,000	June 30, 2004
3) Metropolitan Transit Authority	\$286,000	June 30, 2008
4) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Prop. 40	\$375,000	July 30, 2008
5) LA County Parks and Open Space District - 1992 Prop A	\$191,500	December 31, 2005
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,352,500</b>	

For any of these funds to be expended, project approval is required. Without project approval, the terms of the contract with the first three agencies listed above, could not be met, therefore funds would have to be forfeited. Upon approval by the City Council, staff will begin with the Federal environmental impact requirements. It is expected that the project will take 2-1/2 years to complete.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attachments:

- A. Project Map
- B. Project Photo