

Agenda Report

August 11, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: ADOPT TWO RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF TWO APPLICATIONS TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FUNDING FROM THE 2015 COMPETITIVE EXCESS FUNDS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR ROSE BOWL PEDESTRIAN LOOP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR RESTROOM BUILDING REPLACEMENT AT EATON-BLANCHE PARK

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3);
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District funding from the 2015 Competitive Excess Funds Program in the amount of \$300,000 for the Rose Bowl Pedestrian Loop Improvements Project; and
3. Adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District funding from the 2015 Competitive Excess Funds Program in the amount of \$300,000 for the Restroom Building Replacement at Eaton-Blanche Park as part of the Citywide Restroom Replacement and Construction Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) is accepting applications for the 2015 Competitive Excess Funds Program. Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich is partnering with RPOSD to allocate \$5,000,000 for a competitive grant in the Fifth Supervisorial District. Projects may consist of improvements and/or rehabilitation of existing public park parks including infrastructure, community centers, and small facilities. The maximum grant award per project is \$300,000. The deadline for submitting the grant application is September 3, 2014. All

grant applications must include a resolution authorizing the applicant to apply for the grant.

The Department of Public Works is seeking authorization to apply for grant funding from RPOSD for two capital improvement projects. The first grant application will request a \$300,000 grant to provide funding for the Rose Bowl Pedestrian Loop Improvements project, approved as part of the FY 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program in the Arroyo Projects - Central Arroyo.

In 2010, a pedestrian loop with buffer was created around the Rose Bowl to improve pedestrian safety. Because this area is highly used, the pedestrian loop has faded and cracked. Improvements to this loop will enhance the path for all the users and provide for better delineation of the path for auto and bicycle users which will enhance safety. The project is consistent with the Central Arroyo Master Plan which calls for a safe, separate dedicated pedestrian lane.

The three-mile Rose Bowl pedestrian loop allows residents and visitors to walk, jog, rollerblade, or bicycle around the Rose Bowl Stadium. In addition to numerous five- and ten-kilometer walking/running events, the Rose Bowl pedestrian loop hosts the Pasadena Sprint Triathlon. The Rose Bowl pedestrian loop also served as the finishing course for the Amgen Tour of California bicycle race.

With the support of the grant funding, this project will provide rehabilitation of the pedestrian buffer to maintain these high standards. The total project estimate is \$600,000. To complete this project, the City (and possibly the Rose Bowl Operating Company) would need to identify and appropriate \$300,000 toward these improvements should the grant be awarded. Staff plans to recommend that the Rose Bowl loop improvements be considered as part of the \$300,000 concert funds the Rose Bowl Operating Company and Live Nation are making available for projects around the Rose Bowl and adjoining neighborhoods. The scope of work for enhancements to the recreation loop around the Rose Bowl includes new color seal coat, striping, and replacement of missing delineators and plugged bases. Any funding received from this grant opportunity will replace the City's funds.

The second grant application will request a \$300,000 grant to provide funding for the restroom replacement at Eaton-Blanche Park, approved as part of the Parks and Landscaping section in the FY 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The design of the restroom at Eaton-Blanche Park was completed in FY 2014, but construction funding has not yet been identified. The grant would expedite completion of the restroom replacement and the community will benefit from the project through improvements to accessibility, public safety, and high-quality park amenities. It is estimated that the park attracts approximately 6,500 users per year. This project was selected as restroom replacements are one of the highest priorities in Parks and Landscaping section of the adopted CIP. The construction estimate for this restroom totals \$700,000. The remaining \$400,000 needed to complete this project could come from Residential Impact Fees in the East park district.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The RPOSD's 2015 Competitive Excess Funds Program and the proposed projects are consistent with the City Council's strategic goals to improve, maintain, and enhance public facilities and infrastructure, increase conservation and sustainability, and improve mobility and accessibility throughout the City.

These projects are also consistent with the Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element 2.1 of the General Plan by promoting the implementation of all master plans and design guidelines for the Arroyo which includes the objectives of the Central Arroyo Master Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is an application for funding and not the construction of any particular project. Accordingly, the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City has the potential of receiving up to \$600,000 for these capital improvements under the RPOSD's 2015 Competitive Excess Funds Program. If these projects receive grant funding, the Department of Public Works will return to City Council to appropriate the funds into the appropriate capital budget accounts. A variety of funding sources could be used for matching funds including the possible reallocation of funding appropriated to other projects and/or transportation, Gas Tax, Residential Impact Fee, and/or Rose Bowl Operating Company concert funds.

Respectfully submitted,



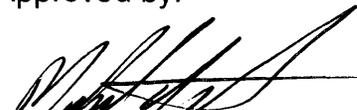
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Approved by:



MICHAEL J. BECK
City Manager

Attachment A – Rose Bowl Pedestrian Loop Location Map

Attachment B – Eaton-Blanche Park Location Map

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
FOR THE ROSE BOWL LOOP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted, Los Angeles County Proposition A; Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the "Propositions"), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City of Pasadena to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances with which the City of Pasadena must comply; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Funds for the above project; and

2. Certifies that the City of Pasadena understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the City of Pasadena has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
4. Certifies that the City of Pasadena will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and
6. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Adopted at the _____ meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena held on the _____ day of _____, 2014, by the following vote:

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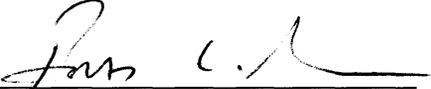
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ABSTAIN:

Mark Jomsky, CMC
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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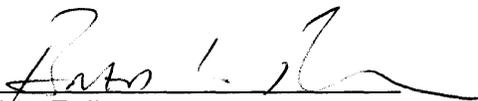
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