

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER


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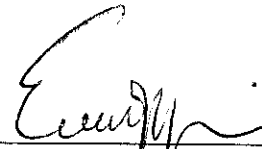
DATE: March 6, 2002

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT (LOA)
FOR FUNDING OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WHITE
POINT NATURE PRESERVE

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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the attached Letter of Agreement between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the Department to fund transportation improvements at White Point Nature Preserve.

SUMMARY:

The Department has been working to develop the White Point Nature Preserve. This project will restore and preserve the wildlife and vegetation native to the area. On October 3, 2001, the Board approved the Final Environmental Impact Report, the proposed Master Plan, and a proposed 25-year Operating Agreement between the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy and the Department.

The Department has applied for a grant to fund improvements to the transportation corridor of this project. Caltrans is the funding agency for this grant and MTA is the programming agency. As part of the MTA 2001 Call for Projects, the MTA authorized the programming of \$206,000 in funds to the Department to undertake the following improvements:

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- Native plantings will be reintroduced along the transportation corridor to provide an ecologically enhanced buffer zone between the adjacent street and the surrounding environment.
- Interpretative panels will be designed and installed to enhance visitor appreciation of the historical, ecological, and scenic resources of the area.
- Transportation links will be developed between existing transportation systems and trails within the preserve and surrounding areas.

The Letter of Agreement defines the terms and conditions of the agreement relative to the programmed budget, the financial plan, reporting and expenditure guidelines, quarterly progress and expenditure report, and submittal of other required documents.

All City-owned sites for transportation improvement projects were submitted by the City Department of Transportation as one package, requesting Council approval to have the respective General Managers execute the Letters of Agreement. This package was approved by the City Council and the Arts, Health and Humanities Committee. (See attached Council Action.) No further Council action is required, and it is requested that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the attached Letter of Agreement.

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