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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – MULTI-USE TRAIL (PRJ21702) PROJECT – CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, , SECTIONS 15301(a) [INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS], 15301(c) [MINOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING HIGHWAYS AND STREETS, SIDEWALKS, GUTTERS, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS, AND SIMILAR FACILITIES, 15303(e) [INSTALLATION OF ACCESSORY (APPURTENANT) STRUCTURES] AND 15311(a) [PLACEMENT OF ON-PREMISE SIGNS] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASSES 1(1), 1(3) 3(6) AND 11(1) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
B. Jones	_____	for *C. Santo Domingo	<u>DF</u>
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Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____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 – Multi-Use Trail (PRJ21702) Project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
3. 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;
4. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, , Sections 15301(a) [Interior or exterior alterations], 15301(c) [Minor alterations to Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, 15303(e) [Installation of accessory (appurtenant) structures] and 15311(a) [Placement of on-premise signs] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Classes 1(1), 1(3) 3(6) and 11(1) of City CEQA Guidelines and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption

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(NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation;

5. 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,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

In 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure A, which provides the City of Los Angeles formula-based annual allocations for capital improvement projects under the Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1) and Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2); competitive grants for capital improvement projects and recreational access programs under Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection (Category 3); Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility (Category 4); and additional competitive grants for Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement (Category 5) as well as an Implementation, Operations and Oversight Category. Additional annual allocations are available under a Maintenance and Servicing Program to offset Proposition A and Measure A funded capital projects. Funding through the Measure A grant program will be generated in perpetuity through the collecting of a parcel tax. In October 2018, City Council designated the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee as the administering entity for Measure A with RAP serving as the Grant Administrator (Council File (C.F.) No. 18-0611).

On October 21, 2021, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) authorized (i) the submission of two capital improvement project applications for Measure A competitive funds to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, and (ii) acceptance of the grant funds upon award (Report No. 21-172). The Los Angeles City Council authorized the submittal of the Measure A grant applications and RAP to accept the awarded grant funds (CF # 22-0105).

PROJECT SCOPE

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. 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.

The scope of work of the proposed Project includes the following in the area of the park adjacent to Riverside Drive:

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- 1) Installation of a new 10' wide multi-user path and a new 6' wide ADA pedestrian path
- 2) Installation of new ADA parking
- 3) Installation of new signs
- 4) Installation of new trail head improvements
- 5) Installation of new park entrance point
- 6) Installation of new 8' high fencing

The proposed Project plan is shown in Attachment 1.

PROJECT FUNDING

A total of \$920,000.00 in Measure A funds was awarded to the proposed Project, which will be the total budget for this Project, inclusive of the budget and contingency amounts 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
Park Facility Construction	\$184,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Measure A Funds	63T/89/89WHKO	\$920,000.00	100%
Total		\$920,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

Phase	Duration
Predesign	March 2024 – June 2024
Design	June 2024 – October 2024
Bid and Award	December 2024 – February 2025
Construction	February 2025 – November 2025
Post Construction	December 2025 – February 2026

TREES AND SHADE

This Project will have no impact on the existing trees at Griffith Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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The proposed Project consists of:

- installation of new head trail improvements, which qualifies as minor alterations to existing facilities;
- installation of ADA parking, which qualifies as minor alterations to existing high highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities;
- installation of new multiuser paths, pedestrian paths, access point and fence, which qualifies as installation of new accessory structures; and
- installation of on premises signs.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on November 27, 2024, this area resides in a liquefaction zone and in the Alquist Priolo Earthquake Zone. The construction of this Project will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction or exacerbate the seismic risk. This site is not within a coastal or methane 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 27, 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. They listed RB Case # 900270143 near the Project area (within 1,000 feet). The case is a leaking underground storage tank, which contaminated the soil with hydrocarbons. The Regional Water Quality Control Board mandated remediation measures and closed the case in 2009, because the residual gasoline constituencies in the soil would not cause any direct contact with humans or vapor intrusion. 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 Angeles Historic Cultural Monument (HCM # 942), but does not affect any contributing element to the historic determination and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based in this information, staff recommends that the Board determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15303(e) and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article III, Section 1, Classes 1(1), 1(3) 3(6) and 11(1) of City CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Measure A funds 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.

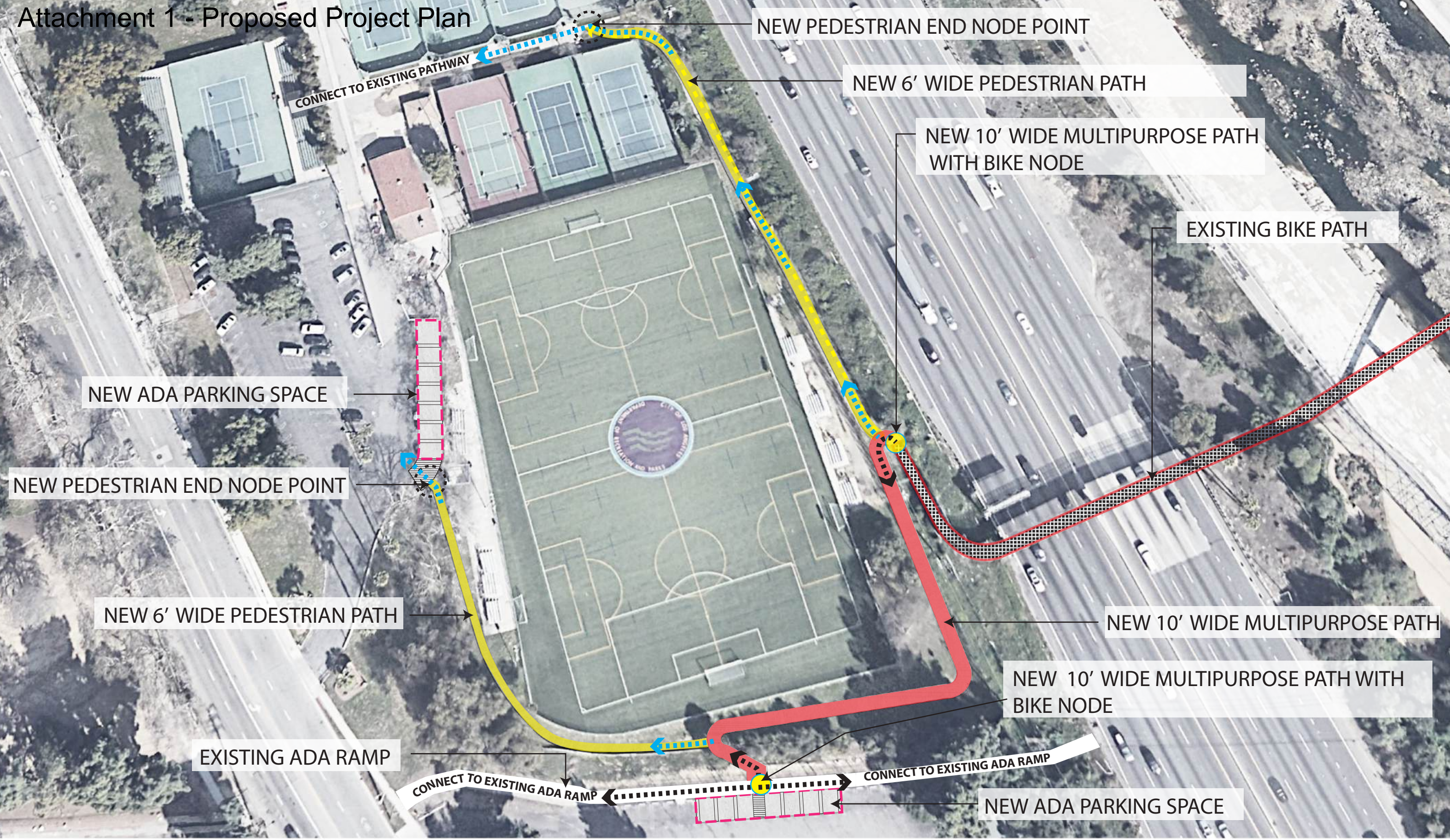
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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 – Proposed Project Plan



RIVERSIDE PATHWAY

CONCEPT PLAN

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