

City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 05/14/07		Item Number: <u>A-3</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Authorization to Solicit Requests for Proposals for Design Services for the Ballona Creek Bikeway Project Adjacent to Overland Avenue.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Charles D. Herbertson, Public Works Director		Phone Number: (310) 253-5630	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, County of Los Angeles Public Library, Culver City Unified School District, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission and Ballona Creek Renaissance by letter dated May 4, 2007. Master Notification List on May 9, 2007.			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson 4/24/07		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Iker) (05/02/07)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (05/04/07)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (05/09/07)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council authorize the Public Works Department to solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP) for design services for the Ballona Creek Bikeway Project adjacent to Overland Avenue. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> California voters approved the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beaches Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) on November 5, 2002. Proposition 50 authorized the State Legislature to appropriate \$100 million for the acquisition, restoration, protection and development of river parkways. These funds may be used for river parkway projects that relate to at least two of the following issue areas; recreation; habitat; flood management; conversion to river parkways; and, conservation and interpretive enhancements. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) is authorized to award grants to governmental agencies for river parkway project that meet the requirements of Proposition 50. In 2003/2004 the City implemented the Ballona Creek Pedestrian Bridge Replacement project. As part of the original project design concept the areas adjacent to the entrances to the bridge were proposed to be improved with enhanced hardscape and landscape treatments. As a result of the higher than anticipated cost of the project, the scope of the design was reduced and the improvements at the northern end of the bridge, along the Ballona Creek Bike Path were eliminated.			

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On December 29, 2006, Staff submitted a Proposition 50 grant application to the SMMC for the purpose of implementing and enhancing the improvements along the bike path which had been eliminated from the Pedestrian Bridge project. Specifically, the grant requested \$60,000 for project planning and design activities through the development of all construction documents necessary for construction of a project to restore natural habitat, enhance the creek and bike path environment, create educational opportunities and establish a way station for users of the bike path. On January 22, 2007, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-03, authorizing the grant for the project planning and design of the Ballona Creek Overland Project (Named locally as the Ballona Creek Bikeway Project)

DISCUSSION:

The proposed Ballona Creek Bikeway Project is located between Overland Avenue and the pedestrian bridge west of Overland Avenue. The goal is to have the planning and design activities completed in time to submit the project for construction funding for the next Rivers and Parkways grant cycle in October 2007. The project is located adjacent to or near the Julian Dixon County Library, Culver City High School, Culver City Middle School, Farragut Elementary School, LA Goal adult learning center, and a Continuous Deflective Separation (CDS) unit installed by the City in 2004/2005. The project is intended to transform this segment of the creek and bike path by enhancing the beauty of the creek, and providing a peaceful and beautiful way station for travelers along this segment of the bike path as well as amenities for library patrons, school students and nearby residents. The proposed construction project would have the following features:

- Removal of concrete embankment and replacement with a retaining wall and terraced landscaping with native, drought tolerant plants and irrigation along the upslope side of the bike path (between the bike path and the school properties and library)
- Enhanced fencing between the bike path and the school property and between the bike path and creek
- Enhanced entry gate at the service roadway entrance to the creek located off of Overland Avenue and adjacent to the Julian Dixon county library.
- A rest area with benches, water fountain and trash receptacles
- Installing lighting along this portion of the bike path.
- Installing educational displays regarding this section of Ballona Creek including information on storm water pollution prevention utilizing the nearby CDS unit.
- Repair of the existing mural that is that located along the bike path and near the library and install an anti-graffiti coating over the repaired mural.
- Provide for five years of maintenance.

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Scope of Work:

The grant funding is to be used to pay for planning and design services through construction documents including required environmental documents for the proposed construction project and a safety/security study to be performed under the direction of the Culver City Police Department. The design consultant will conduct at least two community meetings to obtain public input on the project design and safety/security study and comply with the City's Open Space Zone requirements.

Project Timeline:

Should the City Council approve the release of the RFP, the following table includes the timeline for the project:

Task	Time Frame
Council Authorize release of RFP	May 14, 2007
Release of Notice Inviting Proposals	May 15, 2007
Response to RFP due date	June 11, 2007
Respondent Interviews	June 18, 2007
Award design contract	July 9, 2007
Project study and design	July – September 2007
Council Authorize Rivers & Parkways Grant proposal submission	September 24, 2007
Rivers & Parkways Grant proposal submission	October 2007

Attached for your information is a more detailed description of the proposed construction project (Attachment No. 1). These project design parameters may change based on the available budget and public input received during the design process.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The grant approved project budget is:

<i>Planning, Design and Preparation of Project Plans & Specifications:</i>	\$ 50,000
<i>Safety and Security Study</i>	\$10,000

Total Budget	\$60,000

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Staff support from the following City departments will be needed to implement the project: Public Works, Police, Fire, Community Development and Parks, Recreation & Community Services.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ballona Creek Bikeway Project Proposal dated December 21, 2006.
2. Copy of the Request for Proposal

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Authorize the Public Works Department to solicit Requests for Proposals for planning and design services for the Ballona Creek Bikeway Project.