



June 27, 2016

Mr. Charles D. Herbertson, Director of Public Works
Culver City Public Works Department
9770 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, CA 90232

Mr. Herbertson:

This letter is to assure Culver City that California State Parks (DPR) will fund the \$200,000 shortfall to realize the construction of the Hetzler Road Trail Project which will create a separate 10 feet wide/1500 feet long pedestrian walking and jogging trail to separate pedestrians from the vehicular traffic on Hetzler Road. These funds will be available after September, 2016 to reimburse Culver City for its expenditures related to the project construction even if the project has started before approval of these grant funds.

Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook opened to the public in April 2009. With an extremely challenging 282 step vertical trail, as well as steep natural trails and road inclines, the park quickly became a destination for fitness enthusiasts looking for a challenging workout. Over the past 7 years, visitation has increased exponentially. A recent Loyola Marymount University study, commissioned by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, recently counted visitation at over 1.5 million visitors per year. An unanticipated consequence of visitation for fitness purposes has been the extremely heavy pedestrian use of the public park entrance road. There currently is no paved alternative access to the park, and as such, the Department has not closed the public road to pedestrian traffic. The use of the road by walkers and joggers is a safety concern and on-going source of aggravation to residents living along Hetzler Road.

DPR truly appreciates Culver City's ongoing help and support to improve safety conditions at Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. DPR also values the multi-agency partnership, which includes the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, Mountains, Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), and the County of Los Angeles who have amassed over \$1 million to help us fund and construct the Hetzler Road Pedestrian Trail which finally will allow us to fully close the road to pedestrians; ensuring visitor safety to our park. Please feel free to call or email me if you have additional comments or concerns at (916) 653-8288.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Amman
Deputy Director of Operations

cc: Brian Ketterer, Southern Division Chief