



City of Culver City

Staff Report

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CC - Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for the Culver City Park - Park to Playa - Ballona Creek Connection Project - Project PZ-551

Meeting Date: January 23, 2017

Contact Person/Dept: Mate Gaspar/Public Works Department and Patrick Reynolds/Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department

Phone Number: 310-253-5602 and 310-253-6471

Fiscal Impact: Yes No

General Fund: Yes No

Public Hearing: **Action Item:** **Attachments:**

Commission Action Required: Yes No **Date:**

Public Notification: (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas - City Council (01/18/17);

Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer and Daniel Hernandez, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director (01/12/17)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the final plans and specifications and authorize the publication of a notice inviting bids for the Culver City Park - Park to Playa - Ballona Creek Connection Project.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Project is a collaboration between the Public Works and PRCS Departments, which proposes to complete Park to Playa Segment 7, a crucial trail segment that links the Baldwin Hills Overlook/Culver City Gateway with Ballona Creek, and includes:

1. **Trail improvements:** Improving the existing trail and removing barriers along section 7.1 (Attachment 2), which connects the Culver City Gateway to the upper ball fields within Culver City Park. From the terminus of section 7.1, the Project incorporates several elements to complete the Ballona Creek connection;

2. **ADA accessible/pedestrian passageway:** The construction of two new ADA accessible path sections, section 7.2a to the north of the existing Interpretive Trail Boardwalk and section 7.3 to the south, including needed improvements to the Boardwalk in order to better integrate it as the mid-section of the trail;
3. **Bicycle Path:** Bicycle lanes on Duquesne Avenue into Culver City Park, which have already been installed by the Public Works Department; and,
4. **Final creek connection:** Joining the Path at the Duquesne Avenue entrance to Culver City Park, where both then extend north to the Duquesne Avenue entrance via the recently installed by another capital improvement project, bicycle sharrows and a new left turn bicycle lane, to the Ballona Creek Bike Path.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the final construction plans and specifications and authorize the publication of a notice inviting bids. The recommendation to the City Council to award a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for this project is anticipated to occur in March 2017.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The total budget for this Project is \$471,403, including \$336,043 in Baldwin Hills Conservancy Proposition 84 funds (account 423.80000.730100.PZ551), and \$135,360 in matching funds. The matching funds include \$120,360 in Capital Improvements and Acquisitions funds (accounts 420.80000.619800.PZ551; and, 420.80000.730100.PZ551), and \$15,000 of in-kind staff time (as logged by the Engineering Services Manager and the Parks Division Manager and reflected in their respective Operating Budgets). The budget for design, administration and project management is \$63,765, leaving \$407,638 for construction.

This budget provides line items for approximately \$70,500 in Interpretive Nature Trail area stabilization and entrance/exit improvements. However, the removal and replacement of the existing wood treads, rails, handrails and caps that comprise the Nature Trail is being funded separately by Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Proposition A Maintenance and Servicing Funds. In addition, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department staff has submitted an application for Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Program funds to supplement these funds. The announcement of HCF Program grant awards is scheduled for May 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Construction plans
2. Vicinity Map

MOTION

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