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Staff Report

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CC - ACTION ITEM: Discussion and Direction Regarding a Potential New Bicycle and Pedestrian Ramp and Pathway Connecting Ince Boulevard to Ballona Creek.

Meeting Date: July 8, 2024

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Fiscal Impact: Yes No **General Fund:** Yes No

Attachments: Yes No

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Department Approval: Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director/City Engineer (06/25/2024)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council discuss and provide direction to staff regarding a potential new bicycle and pedestrian ramp and pathway connecting Ince Boulevard to Ballona Creek.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The City Council directed staff prepare an agenda item to discuss and provide direction for a potential bicycle and pedestrian pathway between Ince Boulevard and Ballona Creek

Staff reviewed the matter and is providing the following information for discussion purposes.

1. For the public to reach Ince Boulevard, an easement across the private property located at 8680 Hayden Place would need to be executed. The cost of the easement agreement would be determined through negotiation with the property owner. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works would have to be included in the easement agreement so that they could access the new gate at Ballona Creek and lock it before major storm events.

2. The Army Corps of Engineers and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Department would require the City to complete a list of pre-application studies and deliverables for a proposed bicycle and pedestrian ramp from Ballona Creek to the property at 8680 Hayden Place.
3. Upon completion of the pre-application studies and checklist, the City could then submit a formal application for a bicycle and pedestrian ramp project into Ballona Creek. By way of comparison or reference, the permitting process for the recently completed bicycle and pedestrian ramp at Higuera Bridge to Ballona Creek took about two years.

If the City Council would like to proceed with this project, staff would recommend the City Council direct staff to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a feasibility and cost study detailing the scope of work, including the location and dimensions of the required private property easement, costs for permitting engineering studies and construction and a timeline to complete the project. The cost to conduct such a study is estimated to be about \$100,000 and would require the four-fifths approval of a budget amendment appropriating the funds from the General Fund Unassigned Balance. This budget amendment would need to be brought to City Council at a future meeting. Staff also recommends that the Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Association and residents on Ince Boulevard be notified.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

There is no fiscal impact to discussing this issue. The fiscal impact will depend on the direction given by the City Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map of proposed bicycle and pedestrian ramp from Ballona Creek to the property at 8680 Hayden Place

MOTIONS

That the City Council:

Discuss and provide direction to the City Manager regarding a potential new bicycle and pedestrian pathway connecting Ince Boulevard to Ballona Creek.