City of Culver City

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Staff Report

File #: 22-225, **Version:** 1 **Item #:** C-3.

CC - (1) Authorization to the Mayor and Staff to Prepare and Send a Letter of Support for a Project to Extend the La Ballona Creek Bike Path as Proposed by the Organization Streets For All; and (2) Other Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate.

Meeting Date: August 23, 2021

Contact Person/Dept: Charles D. Herbertson, PW Director/City Engineer

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Fiscal Impact: Yes [] No [X] **General Fund:** Yes [] No [X]

Public Hearing: [] **Action Item:** [X] **Attachments:** []

Commission Action Required: Yes [] No [X] **Date:**

Public Notification: (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas - City Council (08/18/2021)

Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson, PW Director/City Engineer (08/11/2021)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Culver City Council (1) authorize the Mayor and staff to prepare and send a letter of support for general use in project development and potential use in funding applications for a project to extend the La Ballona Creek Bike Path (Project) as proposed by the organization Streets For All; and (2) provide other direction to the City Manager as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Created in the 1970s, the La Ballona Creek Bike Path currently runs from the ocean to Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. Originally, planners intended the Bike Path to go all the way from the ocean to where the creek ends at Cochran Ave and Venice Blvd in the City of Los Angeles.

The organization Streets For All is proposing completing the original plan and extending the La Ballona Creek Bike Path. Approximately 0.8 miles of the extension would run through the City of Culver City, across public land and property owned by Red Car Properties, and impact the public right of way in multiple locations. In addition to the pathway along La Ballona Creek, the Project

includes a bridge over the Creek at Smiley Dr, an underpass under the I-10 Freeway, and street crossings at Washington Blvd, La Cienega Blvd and Fairfax Blvd.

Project stakeholders would include the City of Culver City, the City of Los Angeles (currently District 10 Councilmember Mark Ridley Thomas), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) (currently District 7 Director Tony Tavares), the County of Los Angeles (currently District 2 Supervisor Holly Mitchell), Redcar Properties (in Culver City), and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

The Project is a Streets For All initiative, supported by a variety of organizations and community groups. Michael Schneider, a representative from Streets For All, will make a presentation to the Council Meeting at its August 23, 2021 meeting to provide Project details and answer questions.

Streets For All is requesting a letter of support for the Project from the City of Culver City for general use in Project development and potential use in funding applications.

Learn more about Streets For All <Learn%20more%20about%20Streets%20For%20All> on its website at <https://streetsforall.org>.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The Project is in early stages of development. Costs and fiscal responsibility are to be determined.

ATTACHMENTS

None

MOTION

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor and staff to prepare and send a letter of support for a Project to extend the La Ballona Creek Bike Path as proposed by the organization Streets For All; and

2. Provide other direction to the City Manager as deemed appropriate.

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