



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS**



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December 17, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO  
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR FUNDING  
OF THE MARINA DEL REY / BALLONA CREEK TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
THROUGH THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM UNDER  
THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  
(4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT)(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 4 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.
2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the submission of a Recreation Trails Program grant application by the Department of Beaches and Harbors to the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the Marina del Rey / Ballona Creek Trail Improvement Project, and delegating authority to the Director of Beaches and Harbors as agent of the County to sign all documents pertaining to the acceptance of the grant.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return three copies of the resolution to the Department of Beaches and Harbors for completion of the application packet.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adoption of this resolution by your Board will authorize the Department of Beaches and Harbors to complete an application submittal to the State Department of Parks and Recreation for funding of the Marina del Rey / Ballona Creek Trail Improvement Project through the Recreational Trails Program under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21).

The Recreational Trails Program is an assistance program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), reauthorized by the U.S. Congress under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in 1998. This program provides grant funds for recreational trails and trail-related projects and is administered at the State level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The State Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation (State) recently solicited applications for the \$3.2 million anticipated in fiscal year 2002-2003, \$2.2 million of which will be available for non-motorized trail projects. An application was submitted to the State on October 1, 2002. In order for the project to be considered, a resolution adopted by your Board authorizing the completion of the application is required.

The proposed project entails trail improvements on the middle jetty separating Ballona Creek and the Marina del Rey Main Entrance Channel, currently unimproved except for the South Bay Bike Trail. The South Bay Bike Trail, which extends for about seventeen miles from Will Rogers State Beach to Torrance Beach, is an important recreational, cultural and educational resource, linking the heavily urbanized inland areas to the vast recreational resources of the Marina and the beach communities to the north and south. The proposed improvements will enhance the public's use of the current trail system and create an opportunity for safer passage and habitat interpretation. Construction will include repaving and resurfacing the heavily used trail and replacing the post and cable railing with new safety railing. In addition, the project will provide a pedestrian walkway bordered by native vegetation, view piers (Marina del Rey side), bench seating, waste receptacles, interpretive signage and migratory bird (e.g. heron) nesting roosts (Ballona Creek side).

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Submittal of an application for a State grant offers a potential funding opportunity for the Marina del Rey / Ballona Creek Trail Improvement Project, which will provide a unique educational and recreational opportunity for the County, thereby furthering the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility and Service Excellence.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost of the Marina del Rey / Ballona Creek Trail Improvement Project is \$2,197,673. The Department is requesting a grant in the amount of \$879,070 from the State Department of Parks and Recreation under the Recreational Trails Program. The remaining balance of funding necessary to complete the project is \$1,318,603. The grant requires a 20 percent local match, which may include local, State or private funds, as well as material and services. The Department is seeking other eligible grant funding sources through the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) and the State Coastal Conservancy for the balance of funding and required local match. Once all available project funding is identified, or the project is downscaled to correspond with available funding, the Department will return to your Board for final project approval.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Department of Beaches and Harbors will be notified by late January 2003 whether or not the project has been selected for funding. If a grant is awarded, the Department will be required to execute a contract with the State and to expend the grant funds in accordance with TEA-21. These requirements are documented in the grant procedural guide and include that the grant contract will have a project performance period of four years and grant funds will be paid on a reimbursement basis.

This Board letter was submitted to the Small Craft Harbor Commission for review at its December 11, 2002 meeting, requesting endorsement of the recommendations herein. The outcome of the Commission's review will be reported prior to your Board's action on this matter.

The attached resolution has been reviewed by County Counsel.

#### **Operating Budget Impact**

Prior to final project approval, the Department will return to your Board with estimated one-time start-up costs and ongoing operating costs for this project.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 4 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

If funding is awarded and the project constructed, the Marina del Rey / Ballona Creek Trail Improvement Project will provide improved recreational facilities in Marina del Rey.

**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward three (3) conformed copies of the resolution to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, along with three (3) approved copies of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,



Stan Wisniewski  
Director

Attachment (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE  
MARINA DEL REY / BALLONA CREEK TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century provides funds to the State of California for grants to State, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain property for motorized and non-motorized trail purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project applications under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of an application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this Resolution approving the filing of an application for a Recreational Trails Program grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors certifies that the County has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, or the project as it may be re-scoped pursuant to total project funds awarded, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appoints the Director of Beaches and Harbors as agent to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002  
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the  
governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and  
authorities for which said Board so acts.

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Los Angeles

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
BY COUNTY COUNSEL

LLOYD W. PELLIMAN

By: *Lloyd W. Pelliman*  
Deputy

## Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

### Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

<b>Department:</b> Department of Beaches and Harbors		
<b>Grant Project Title and Description:</b> Marina del Rey /Ballona Creek Trail Improvement Project		
The project entails enhancement of the current trail including construction of a pedestrian walkway, landscaping, view piers (Marina del Rey side), bench seating, interpretive signage, and artificial migratory bird roosts (Ballona Creek side).		
<b>Funding Agency</b> State Department of Parks and Recreation	<b>Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)</b> Transportation Equity Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21)	<b>Grant Acceptance Deadline</b> N/A
<b>Total Amount of Grant Funding:</b> \$879,070		<b>County Match:</b> \$219,767
<b>Grant Period:</b> Four years	<b>Begin Date:</b> N/A	<b>End Date:</b> N/A
<b>Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:</b> N/A	<b>Full Time:</b>	<b>Part Time:</b>
<b>Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires</b>		
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Impact of additional personnel on existing space:</b> N/A		
<b>Other requirements not mentioned above:</b>  N/A		
This is an application to a capital expenditure grant program for the development and rehabilitation of non-motorized recreational trails not a program grant.		

 Department Head Signature Stan Wisniewski

 Date: 12/5/02