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December 12, 2017

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:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 December 12, 2017

LORI GLASGOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PUBLIC BUILDINGS CORE SERVICE AREA
JOHN ANSON FORD THEATRE
TRAIL PROJECT
SPECS. 7479 CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87421
ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will establish the capital project for the John Anson Ford Theatre Trail project, and approve an Appropriation Adjustment to allocate funding for the project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find the establishment of a capital project and appropriation of funding for the John Anson Ford Theatre Trail project do not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter.
- 2. Establish the John Anson Ford Theatre Trail, Capital Project No. 87421, in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Capital Projects/Refurbishment Budget.

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3. Approve an Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$1,250,000 to appropriate \$1,000,000 of Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 and \$250,000 of State Habitat Conservation Funds to Capital Assets-Buildings and Improvements under Capital Project No. 87421 to partially fund the John Anson Ford Trail project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will establish the capital project for the John Anson Ford Theatre Trail project, approve an Appropriation Adjustment to allocate funding for the proposed project, and find that the recommended actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The John Anson Ford Theatre is located at 2580 Cahuenga Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The County facility is operated and maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Ford Theatre Foundation.

The proposed project would consist of developing an approximately 4,500-linear-foot scenic hiking trail with viewpoints and trailheads around the surrounding ridgeline of the facility for access by the public and theatre patrons. Design will include an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant trail segment with an elevated boardwalk and a pre-fabricated pedestrian bridge; natural earth trail segments with switchbacks, stairs, interpretive and wayfinding signage and kiosk; and a pre-fabricated restroom building, drinking fountain, bike racks, and seating benches at the trailheads.

Upon approval of the recommended actions, the Department of Public Works will utilize a Board-approved, as-needed consultant to complete the project design. The project design is anticipated to be completed by July 2018. Public Works will return to the Board to seek approval of the project scope, budget, and funding along with the construction delivery method and appropriate environmental documentation for the project in accordance with CEQA.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities, Objective II.2.2, Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities, and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance recreational and cultural opportunities for County residents and visitors, and improve the operational effectiveness of an existing County asset.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The preliminary total project cost estimate is \$3,354,000, including design, plan check, consultant services, construction, change order contingency, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services.

Approval of the enclosed Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$1,250,000 will appropriate \$1,000,000 in Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 and \$250,000 of State Habitat Conservation Funds to Capital Assets-Buildings and Improvements under Capital Project No. 87421 to partially fund the project, including the full project design effort. Parks and Recreation will work on identifying additional funding to fully fund the project based on the completed design. There is no impact to net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Parks and Recreation completed the facility program and utilized one of its as-needed consultants to complete the feasibility study for the trail project, including the conceptual design and preliminary construction cost estimate.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions establishing the capital project and appropriating partial funds for the project are not a project pursuant to Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment. The appropriate environmental documentation will be completed and submitted to the Board for consideration when Public Works returns to the Board to recommend consideration of approval of the capital project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Public Works will utilize a Board-approved, as-needed consultant for the project design effort.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on current County services or projects.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA

Director

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Enclosures

 c: Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)
 County Counsel
 Executive Office

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Department of Parks and Recreation

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

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