

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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## **ADOPTED**

December 08, 2020

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:** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PETER F. SCHABARUM REGIONAL PARK
SOCCER FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT
ESTABLISH AND APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT
APPROVE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 69911
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (FY 2020-21, 3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park Soccer Field Lighting Project (Project) categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; establish and approve the proposed Project; approve the proposed Project budget; and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation (DPR), or her designee, to proceed with the proposed Project through a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find that the proposed Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park Soccer Field Lighting Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the Project.
- 2. Establish and approve the proposed Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park Soccer Field Lighting Project, Capital Project No. 69911, with a total project budget of \$1,500,000.
- 3. Authorize the Director of DPR, or her designee, to deliver the proposed Project through a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park Soccer Field Lighting Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); establish and approve Capital Project No. 69911; approve the proposed Project budget; and authorize the proposed Project to be delivered through a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

The proposed Project is located at Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park (formerly Otterbein Park), at 17250 East Colima Road, Rowland Heights. Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park (Schabarum Park) is a 575-acre facility with 75 acres of developed parkland. Facility amenities include biking and equestrian trails, an equestrian center, hiking and walking paths, three playgrounds, classrooms, offices, restroom buildings and areas for picnics, camping, tennis, and soccer. According to the 2016 Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, Schabarum Park is located in a study area with moderate park need. However, the soccer fields provide an important regional resource for adult and child soccer players, especially youth soccer organizations. The existing unlit fields are used by American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region, 23 which includes the communities of Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights, and consists of nearly a thousand youth soccer players.

The enhancement of the existing fields by adding field lighting will enable soccer leagues to extend practice and game times into the evenings, greatly improving access to youth recreation for the area. The need for such enhancements is even more critical now since a nearby soccer facility closed due to residential development, thereby increasing demand for on-field time at Schabarum Park. The lighting of the fields will also provide opportunities for additional future programming to promote increased general, non-soccer community access and use.

Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park was transferred from the State of California to the County of Los Angeles under the condition that park improvements conform to the General Development Plan for Otterbein Park (General Plan). The General Plan includes "security lighting" at "all activity areas throughout the park."

The proposed Project scope includes the addition of energy-efficient sports field lighting at the existing main soccer field area, which includes up to six separate fields depending on the configuration. Additionally, the proposed Project will provide security and safety lighting to the existing adjacent parking lot area, electrical service upgrades as necessary, and accessibility upgrades to the parking area and walkways to conform with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Department staff will use a Board-approved as-needed consultant to provide engineered drawings and specifications. The JOC contractor will be responsible for obtaining all required permits based on the plans and specifications and implementation of the specified refurbishments.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities (Strategy II.2) by expanding access to recreational and outdoor activities (Goal II.2.2) to benefit County residents.

Implementation of County Sustainability Goals

The proposed Project will support the OurCounty Sustainability Plan, adopted in 2019, Goal 6, by creating accessible parks, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite,

recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities and adopting inclusive design and programming for parks, beaches, public lands, and public spaces (Strategy 6B). The proposed Project will also further the Sustainability Plan though the sustainable production and consumption of resources (Goal 9) by reducing energy consumption through the utilization of energy-efficient and solar-powered lighting systems (Strategy 9C).

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total proposed Project cost estimate of \$1,500,000 includes Design, Construction, Change Order, Civic Art, Jurisdictional Review and County Services. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Attachment I.

On April 28, 2020, the Board approved the transfer of \$1,500,000 net County cost from Various 4th Supervisorial District Improvements, Capital Project No. 77046, to fully fund the proposed Project. Sufficient funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget, under Capital Project No. 69911, to proceed with the proposed Project.

## **Operating Budget Impact**

Based on the proposed Project description, the Department anticipates one-time and on-going costs for recreation and maintenance staff, utilities and grounds maintenance supplies following the Project completion. The Department will institute rental fees to offset these costs related to increased field use. The Department will submit a New Facilities Funding Request to the Chief Executive Office in the appropriate fiscal year for the additional ongoing funding required. If new funding cannot be identified, field availability and usage will be based on available funding.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed Project will proceed in accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy (LTWHP) adopted on September 6, 2016, and amended on June 11, 2019, the proposed Project will include a mandatory goal that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for refurbishment work on the proposed Project be performed by residents, and 10% may be applied toward 30% of local worker hours.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted December 7, 2004, and last amended on August 4, 2020, the proposed Project budget includes one percent (1%) of eligible design and construction costs, in the amount of \$14,000, to be allocated to Civic Art.

This Board Letter has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed Project, which consists of the addition of energy-efficient sports field lighting at the main soccer field area, addition of security and safety lighting at the adjacent parking lot area, electrical service upgrades as necessary, and accessibility upgrades to the parking area and walkways to conform with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in

that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d), 15303(e) and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(c), 3(a) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The proposed Project involves the restoration of deteriorated structures to meet current standards of public health and safety, construction of small new structures, minor alterations to land and will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees.

In addition, based on the proposed Project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and it is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, the Department will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Design, including plans, construction documents, and specifications will be completed by Board approved as-needed consultants.

The Department has made the determination that JOC is the most appropriate procurement method for delivery of the construction scope.

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

The recommended actions will have no impact on County services or projects at this facility.

#### CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, please forward one adopted copy to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one adopted copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Enclosures** 

c: Chief Executive Officer

**County Counsel** 

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Auditor-Controller Arts Commission Parks and Recreation



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## **ATTACHMENT I**

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#### I. PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Board Approval	December 2020
Design Services	February 2021
Jurisdictional Approvals	April 2021
Construction Award	May 2021
Substantial Completion	August 2021
Project Acceptance	September 2021

#### II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Project Budget
Construction	
Construction	\$ 1,150,000
Change Orders	\$ 115,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,265,000
Civic Art	\$ 14,000
Consultant and Design Services	\$ 118,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 0
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permits	\$ 64,000
County Services	\$ 39,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,500,000