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To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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REPLACEMENT OF PROBATION CAMP VERNON KILPATRICK UTILIZING THE LOCAL YOUTHFUL OFFENDER REHABILITATIVE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION GRANT (ITEM 2, AGENDA OF MARCH 1, 2011)

On March 1, 2011, on a motion by Supervisors Knabe and Yaroslavsky, the Board instructed the Chief Probation Officer to accept a Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facility Construction Grant (SB 81) in the amount of \$28 million, awarded by the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA), to construct a new 120-bed facility designed to support juvenile evidence-based rehabilitation programming. In addition, Supervisor Molina requested the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back to the Board on alternative sites for this camp replacement project. Based on a Probation Department (Probation) assessment that considered current physical plant condition and ongoing maintenance costs, Camp Vernon Kilpatrick (Kilpatrick), located in Malibu, was identified as the most suitable facility for replacement.

BACKGROUND

On August 24, 2007, the Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facility Construction Funding Program was established to provide funding for juvenile facility construction, expansion, or renovation. The CSA is the program administrator responsible for awarding the construction grants, whose selection criteria includes how the facility design would support the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.

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In January 2009, Probation applied for funding for a replacement camp at the site of Camp David Gonzales, located in Calabasas. The proposal was for a 120-bed facility with small group cottages that would allow for improved interaction between staff, juveniles, families, and treatment providers. The cottage design would also support the evidence-based cognitive behavioral rehabilitative programming, academic enrichment, and mental health services identified as important to the effort to reduce recidivism and facilitate the successful reentry of juvenile offenders as productive members of our community. However, the January 2009 proposal was not selected by CSA for funding at that time.

On November 18, 2010, Probation's proposal was reconsidered by CSA and a conditional award of \$28 million was granted. CSA requires a County match of \$13 million as a condition of acceptance of the award.

During the March 1, 2011, Board meeting, the Chief Probation Officer and CSA representatives provided your Board an overview of the proposal and SB 81's grant requirements, including a site location assurance that confirms the County's ownership of the property subject to construction. The Chief Probation Officer also indicated that alternative construction sites were being reviewed. CSA representatives confirmed that a relocation of the planned construction site would not affect the status of the grant, as long as the underlying facility design meets the SB 81 rehabilitative requirements. At that time, the Board directed the CEO to assess alternative construction sites and report back on the assessment.

Probation Camp System Facility Assessment

In determining the most logical site for construction, age, condition, and location of all camps were considered. A comparison of the current conditions of the existing infrastructure: costs of on-going maintenance and one-time renovations needed to maintain camp operations, age of the facility, and the benefits to be gained from investing costs to maintain or renovate (such as extension of useful life), were taken into consideration (Attachment I). Based on this analysis, it was concluded that Kilpatrick, was the most logical construction site for this project. Within our Probation camp system, Kilpatrick has the highest ongoing maintenance costs (\$1.3 million), is one of the older camps (built in 1962), and the estimated \$22.3 million necessary renovations would only extend the useful life of the camp by approximately 10 years.

The Kilpatrick replacement project has an estimated cost of \$41 million, of which the County's share would be \$13 million, and the new facility would have a useful life of approximately 30 years. While we have identified the site as requested, appropriation of the \$13 million match and acceptance of other grant conditions (which are still to be determined) will require Board action before proceeding.

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Construction Logistics

The Department of Public Works (DPW) recently prepared a construction site feasibility study based on Probation's SB 81 programmatic components. The study estimated a minimum 38-month timeframe for this construction project, commencing with the selection of the construction firm, through design/planning, and concluding with the completion of construction and occupancy, see Attachment II. This is comparable to the three-year construction timeframe that Riverside County estimates would be required to build a 100-bed treatment facility under its SB 81 grant. The remaining SB 81 grant recipients, with comparable projects, are either reevaluating their proposed facility design, searching for a suitable construction site, or both. Otherwise, a detailed construction logistics plan will be shortly provided to your Board under separate cover.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or your staff may contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer Jacqueline A. White, Public Safety, at (213) 893-2374.

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Attachments

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