



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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February 27, 2024

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

53 February 27, 2024

JEFF LEVINSON
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**BELVEDERE PARK WALKING PATH IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
MONA PARK WALKING PATH AND BREEZEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
ROOSEVELT PARK WALKING PATH IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
ESTABLISH AND APPROVE PROJECTS SCOPE, BUDGETS, AND
APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
CAPITAL PROJECT NOS. 87743, 87741 AND 87742
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2) (FY 2023-24, 4-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed Belvedere Park Walking Path Improvements Project, the Mona Park Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements Project, and Roosevelt Park Walking Path Improvements Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; establish and approve the proposed capital projects; approve the proposed Project budgets and appropriation adjustment; and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to deliver the proposed Projects through Board-approved Job Order Contracts.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Belvedere Park Walking Path Improvements Project, Mona Park Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements Project, and Roosevelt Park Walking Path Improvements Project are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the records of the proposed projects.

2. Establish and approve the Belvedere Park Walking Path Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87743, with a total project budget of \$820,000; Mona Park Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87741, with a total project budget of \$325,000; and Roosevelt Park Walking Path Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87742, with a total project budget of \$260,000.
3. Approve the appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$1,085,000 as follows: \$660,000 to Belvedere Park Walking Path Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87743, in State revenue from the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant program of 2020; \$225,000 to Mona Park Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87741, and \$200,000 to Roosevelt Park Walking Path Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87742, in grant revenue from the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant program of 2017, to fully fund the proposed projects.
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to deliver the proposed projects through Board-approved Job Order Contract.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed Belvedere Park Walking Path Improvements Project, Mona Park Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements Project, and Roosevelt Park Walking Path Improvements Project (Projects) exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and establish and approve Capital Project Numbers 87743, 87741, 87742 and. The recommended actions will also authorize the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to deliver the proposed Projects through Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

Projects Descriptions and Backgrounds

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) provides funding for affordable housing developments (new construction or renovation) and transportation infrastructure. This may include sustainable transportation infrastructure, such as new transit vehicles, sidewalks, and bike lanes; transportation-related amenities, such as bus shelters, benches, or shade trees; and other programs that encourage residents to walk, bike, and use public transit.

Belvedere Park Walking Path Improvements Project

On January 21, 2020, the Board approved the application, acceptance, and allocation of Grant funding from the California Strategic Growth Council. In June 2020, the California

Strategic Growth Council awarded \$23,856,673 through the AHSC program to the National Community Renaissance (National CORE) and the County of Los Angeles Public Works for the development of affordable housing and new transit projects in unincorporated East Los Angeles including the June 9th, 2020 Board approved development of the 3rd and Dangler Housing Project. The grant award included funding to be allocated from Public Works to the Department of Parks and Recreation for “urban greening” improvements at a park within 1 mile of the housing development. The Department evaluated opportunities within the grant boundary and developed a scope of work at Belvedere Community Regional Park that would provide high-impact improvements for the local community, including stakeholders of the 3rd and Dangler Housing Project. Per the executed grant agreement, the project shall be completed by July 30, 2026.

According to the 2016 Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Park and Recreation Needs Assessment, the proposed Project is in a study area with very high park need. Belvedere Community Regional Park has long been a destination for community members to safely walk in their neighborhood. The walking paths at the Park are heavily used and in need of repair. Moreover, extensions of existing pathways are needed to improve walkability and circulation within the park.

The proposed improvements at the park will modify, improve, or refurbish existing park walking paths, as well as enhance site landscape and lighting. The proposed Project will be designed with support of the Department’s Board-approved list of as-needed consultants and will be delivered by Job Order Contract (JOC).

Mona Park Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements Project and Roosevelt Park Walking Path Improvements Project

On December 19, 2017, the Board approved the application, acceptance, and allocation of Grant funding from the California Strategic Growth Council. In July 2017, the California Strategic Growth Council awarded \$23,329,372 through AHSC program to two distinct housing projects in the Florence and Willowbrook neighborhoods. The grant award included funding to be allocated from Public Works to the Department of Parks and Recreation for “urban greening” improvements at a park within the Florence and Willowbrook neighborhoods of the affordable housing development. The Department of Parks and Recreation evaluated opportunities within the grant boundary and developed a scope of work at Mona Park and Franklin D. Roosevelt Park that would provide high-impact improvements for the local community. Per the executed grant agreement, the Mona Park project located in the Willowbrook neighborhood shall be completed by July 30, 2024, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Park located in the Florence neighborhood shall be completed by June 1, 2024.

According to the 2016 Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Park and Recreation

Needs Assessment, the proposed Projects are in study areas with high and very high park need. Mona Park is a popular family destination and is adjacent to Martin Luther King Elementary School and Ralph J Bunche Middle School. The breezeway renovation would improve walkability, public safety, and site security. Franklin D. Roosevelt Park has long been a destination for community members to safely walk in their neighborhood. The walking loop at the park is heavily used and in need of repair.

The proposed scope for Mona Park includes fencing replacement, renovation of walkways, bike paths, lighting improvements, as well as landscaping and shade trees. The proposed improvements for Franklin D. Roosevelt Park include the renovation of an existing walking path. Scope for the proposed Projects will be delivered by Job Order Contract (JOC).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations will further the County Strategic Plan Goal to support the wellness of the community (Goal II.2) by promoting walking and physical activity for all park patrons.

Implementation of County Sustainability Goals

The OurCounty Sustainability Plan, adopted in 2019, establishes goals to address the environmental impacts of climate change and the subsequent social challenges. The proposed Projects will achieve the goals of creating buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience (Goal 2) and creating accessible parks, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities (Goal 6).

Implementation of County Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative

The proposed Projects are aligned with the County's Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative and guided by the Countywide Equity Guiding Principles (Principles) adopted by the Board on September 15, 2021, including the reduction of racial disparities in life outcomes as well as disparities in public investment to shape those outcomes. Consistent with these Principles, the proposed Project will directly address profound levels of disadvantage and inequity in the community. The proposed Projects are informed by the community's call for increased walkability in the parks. The proposed Projects are located in census tracts with an overall County of Los Angeles Equity Explorer scores of 67.9 (High Need), 99.9 and 88.3 (Highest Need) and will serve census tracts with similar or worse scores. The proposed Projects are an important step in advancing the Department's urgent and bold action to achieve tangible results to promote equitable processes and outcomes while working to dismantle racism.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total costs for the Projects include construction, change order/contingency and County services. The proposed Projects Schedule and Budget Summaries are included in Attachment I.

Approval of the appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$1,085,000 (Attachment III) will reflect an increase as follows: \$660,000 to Belvedere Park Walking Path Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87743, in State revenue from the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant program of 2020; \$225,000 to Mona Park Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87741, and \$200,000 to Roosevelt Park Walking Path Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87742, in grant revenue from the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant program of 2017, to fully fund the proposed projects.

The proposed Projects are fully funded with appropriation in the amount of \$1,405,000, which is offset with revenue in the amount of \$1,085,000 from the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant program and net County cost from the Affordable Housing budget in the amount of \$320,000 previously approved by the Board on June 28, 2021 as part of the Request for Appropriation Adjustments to Various Budget Units. The \$320,000 was allocated to the proposed Projects as follows: 160,000 to Belvedere Park Walking Path Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87743, \$100,000 to Mona Park Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87741, and \$60,000 000 to Roosevelt Park Walking Path Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 87742. Attachment II includes the funding breakdown for each of the proposed Projects.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the proposed Project descriptions, the Department does not anticipate any one-time start-up or ongoing costs. The provisions of the proposed Projects have maintenance requirements that will be fulfilled with existing park staff and resources. The proposed projects will also have no impact to the Department's or Affordable Housing operating budget unit operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Department to deliver the proposed Projects utilizing Board-approved JOC, as the work involves repair, remodeling, and refurbishing of County facilities. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the JOC.

The JOC contractors who are awarded these contracts, will be required to fully comply with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program), Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program), and Chapter 2.201 (Living Wage Program). The Projects will proceed in accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy (LTWHP) adopted on September 6, 2016 and last amended on June 11, 2019.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004, and last amended on August 4, 2020, the Belvedere Community Regional Park Walking Path Improvements Project budget includes one percent (1%) of eligible design and construction costs, in the amount of \$9,000, to be allocated to Civic Art and be spent on site within the program performance period. The Mona Park Breezeway and Franklin D. Roosevelt Park Walking Path projects are exempt from Civic Art Allocation as the eligible project costs are under \$500,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed walkway improvements at Belvedere Park are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project, which will modify, improve, or refurbish existing park walking paths, as well as enhance site landscape and lighting, 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) and 15304(a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(c) and 4 (a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project provides for restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, and minor alterations to land which will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees.

The proposed Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements at Mona Park are categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which includes fencing replacement, renovation of walkways, bike paths, lighting improvements, as well as landscaping and shade trees, 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), 15302(c), and 15304(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (c), 2(e), and 4 (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and minor alterations to land which will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees.

The proposed Walking Path Improvements at Roosevelt Park are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project, which includes the renovation of a walking path, is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in section 15301(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project provides for restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.

Based on the proposed project records, they will comply with all applicable regulations and are not located in a sensitive environment. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste sites 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 Notices of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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

Implementation of the improvements will be completed using a Board-approved JOC. This delivery method will allow for the most expedient and cost-effective implementation of the proposed Projects. Where used, 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 limited impacts to County services at the facility. The Department will minimize and mitigate disruption by coordinating work and providing temporary alternative path of travel for use by the public as needed.

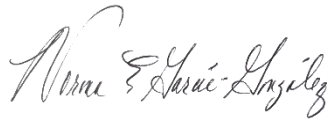
CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and three copies to the Department Parks and Recreation.

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Should you have any questions please contact Jorge Gutierrez at (626) 588-5325 or jgutierrez2@parks.lacounty.gov, Daniel Abratte at (626) 588-5350 or dabratte@parks.lacounty.gov, Astrid Ochoa at (626) 588-5355 or aochoa2@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Attachments

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Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)
Parks and Recreation

ATTACHMENT I

**BELVEDERE PARK
WALKING PATH IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
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(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 AND 2) (FY 2023-24, 4 VOTES)**

I. PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Project Activity	Mona Park Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements Project C.P. 87741	Roosevelt Park Walking Path Improvements Project C.P. 87742	Belvedere Park Walking Path Improvements Project C.P. 87743
Board Letter	February 2024	February 2024	February 2024
Construction Documents	March 2024	March 2024	May 2024
Construction Award	March 2024	March 2024	June 2024
Substantial Completion	June 2024	May 2024	August 2024
Project Acceptance	July 2024	June 2024	September 2024

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Mona Park Walking Path and Breezeway Improvements Project C.P. 87741	Roosevelt Park Walking Path Improvements Project C.P. 87742	Belvedere Park Walking Path Improvements Project C.P. 87743
Construction			
Construction	\$ 281,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 600,000
Contingency	\$ 29,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 60,000
Subtotal	\$ 310,000	\$ 242,000	\$ 660,000
Soft Costs			
Civic Art	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 9,000
Plans and Specifications	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 123,000
Consultant Services	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Jurisdictional Approvals/Permits	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
County Services	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 28,000
Subtotal	\$ 15,000	18,000	160,000
TOTAL	\$ 325,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 820,000

ATTACHMENT II

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TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

(SEE ATTACHED)

No.	PROJECT #	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
1	87741	Mona Park	Breezeway Improvements Project	AHSC Grant Net County Cost	225,000 100,000
2	87742	Franklin D. Roosevelt Park	Pathway Improvements Project	AHSC Grant Net County Cost	200,000 60,000
3	87743	Belvedere Community Regional Park	Walking Path Improvements Project	AHSC Grant Net County Cost	660,000 160,000
				Total:	1,405,000

ATTACHMENT III

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APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

February 27, 2024

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

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 HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE

FY 2023-24

4 - VOTES

SOURCES		USES	
PARKS AND RECREATION BELVEDERE PARK WALKING PATH IMPROVEMENTS A01-CP-88-8752-65043-87743 STATE-OTHER / CAPITAL PROJECTS INCREASE REVENUE	660,000	PARKS AND RECREATION BELVEDERE PARK WALKING PATH IMPROVEMENTS A01-CP-6014-65043-87743 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I INCREASE APPROPRIATION	660,000
PARKS AND RECREATION MONA PARK WALKING PATH AND BREEZEWAY IMPROVEMENTS A01-CP-88-8752-65043-87741 STATE-OTHER / CAPITAL PROJECTS INCREASE REVENUE	225,000	PARKS AND RECREATION MONA PARK WALKING PATH AND BREEZEWAY IMPROVEMENTS A01-CP-6014-65043-87741 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I INCREASE APPROPRIATION	225,000
PARKS AND RECREATION ROOSEVELT PARK WALKING PATH IMPROVEMENTS A01-CP-88-8752-65043-87742 STATE-OTHER / CAPITAL PROJECTS INCREASE REVENUE	200,000	PARKS AND RECREATION ROOSEVELT PARK WALKING PATH IMPROVEMENTS A01-CP-6014-65043-87742 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I INCREASE APPROPRIATION	200,000
SOURCES TOTAL	\$ 1,085,000	USES TOTAL	\$ 1,085,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects an increase of \$1,085,000 as follows: \$660,000 to Capital Project No. 87743 in State revenue from the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant program of 2020; \$225,000 to Capital Project No. 87741, and \$200,000 to Capital Project No. 87742 in grant revenue from the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant program of 2017, to fully fund the proposed projects.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

53 February 27, 2024

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Carolyn Bernardez, Chief Financial Officer

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)



JEFF LEVINSON
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
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ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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