



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

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May 05, 2026

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:

**SHADY LANE TRAIL PROJECT
ESTABLISH AND APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT
APPROVE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
AUTHORIZE USE OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTS
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 8A101
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (FY2025-26, 4-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed Shady Lane Trail Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; establish and approve the proposed capital project, scope, budget, and appropriation adjustment; authorize the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to proceed with the proposed project utilizing a Board-approved Job Order Contract; and delegate authority to the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation to execute a Property Use Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Shady Lane Trail 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 Shady Lane Trail Project, Capital Project No. 8A101, with a total project budget of \$429,000.
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to reflect an increase of \$429,000 in appropriation to the

proposed Shady Lane Trail Project, Capital Project No. 8A101, offset with \$369,000 in grant funds from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation's Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program, and transfer of \$60,000 prior year net County cost from Loma Alta Park Trail Relocation, CP No. 86587, to fully fund the proposed project.

4. Authorize the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to deliver the proposed Shady Lane Trail Project through a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

5. Approve a Property Use Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for a period of up to 25-years in substantial conformity to the template agreement attached as Attachment III, and authorize the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to execute and amend the Property Use Agreement approved as to form by County Counsel, which is necessary for the completion of the Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find the proposed Shady Lane Trail Project (Project) exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); approve and establish Capital Project (CP) No. 8A101; approve the proposed Project scope, budget, and appropriation adjustment; authorize the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) to implement the proposed Project through a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC); and delegate authority to the Director of LA County Parks to execute a Property Use Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD).

The proposed Project will help meet local and regional trail needs for safe and enjoyable trail access to Loma Alta Park, Loma Alta Staging Area, and to the popular Altadena Crest Trail (ACT) located within the foothills of Altadena in Los Angeles County that serve as a gateway to the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and Angeles National Forest. In addition, the proposed Project will also help further the goals established in the 2022 Parks Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+) as it is in an area that has high environmental benefits and is directly adjacent to priority areas for environmental conservation.

There are currently three critical trail gaps along the ACT that impede trail connectivity: the Hahamongna Gap, the Skylane Gap, and the Rubio Canyon Gap. The proposed Project will complete a segment of the Hahamongna Gap within available public property owned by the LACFCD. The trail segment will serve regional trail needs toward the long-standing goal of providing a continuous alignment for the ACT between the Hahamongna Watershed Park on the west and Eaton Canyon Natural Area on the east. The historic ACT spans approximately 13-miles through the transition zone between the densely populated northwestern San Gabriel Valley and the Angeles National Forest, traversing both urban and natural settings and offering recreational activities such as horseback riding, bicycling, and hiking.

The proposed Project site is located within the burn area of the January 2025 Eaton Fire. While the site sustained limited damage, the broader Altadena Crest Trail system to which it connects was severely affected and remains closed to the public. In recognition of the significant regional impacts of the Fire and the resulting demands on County resources for recovery, permitting, and interagency coordination, LA County Parks was granted an extension from June 30, 2026, to December 31, 2027, for completion of the proposed Project. This additional time is necessary to accommodate post-fire recovery activities, increased regulatory review timelines, and the finalization of the required

property use agreement with the LACFCD.

At the local level, this regional multi-use trail segment will provide the “missing link” for access between Loma Alta Park and the Loma Alta Staging Area, which provides direct access to trails connecting to the Angeles National Forest. Within the immediate project area, no sidewalk or designated pedestrian facility currently exists. As a result, pedestrians and trail users rely on an informal dirt shoulder along Loma Alta Drive for travel, a condition that lacks a dedicated space for non-vehicular users. The proposed Project will formalize this corridor through a clearly defined, fenced off-street trail alignment that enhances safety, strengthens multimodal connectivity, and improves overall trail system continuity.

The proposed Project scope will include installation of a meandering multi-use connector trail, with amenities including: interpretive signage; lodgepole fencing; trail access point bollards; retaining walls as needed; removal of existing trees in poor health and planting of trees with irrigation; trimming of mature existing trees to appropriate equestrian height; removal and replacement of existing chain link fencing; and installation of large boulders to define the trail and protect users from vehicles along Loma Alta Drive.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations will further the County Strategic Plan Goals to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities (North Star 2) through Sustainability (Strategy 3.D.i,iii) by mitigating climate change, building resilient communities, and supporting thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity.

Implementation of County Sustainability Goals

The OurCounty Sustainability Plan, adopted in 2019 and updated in 2025, establishes goals to address the environmental impacts of climate change and the subsequent social challenges. The proposed Project will support Goal 6, by creating accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities and improving access to these parks, public lands, and public spaces (Strategy 6B).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost of \$429,000 for the proposed Project includes plans and specifications, construction, change order/contingency, and County services. The proposed Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Attachment I.

Approval of the appropriation adjustment (Attachment II) will reflect a total increase of \$429,000 in appropriation to the Shady Lane Trail Project, CP No. 8A101, offset with \$369,000 in grant funds from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation’s Federal Highway Administration’s Recreational Trails Program; and transfer of \$60,000 prior year net County cost from Loma Alta Park Trail Relocation, CP No. 86587. Funds from the Loma Alta Park Trail Relocation, CP No. 86587, will support due diligence efforts for the proposed project.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the Project description, the Department anticipates ongoing costs of \$34,000 for trail and grounds maintenance of the proposed Project. LA County Parks will submit to the Chief Executive

Office a funding request through the budget process. LA County Parks will work on the funding request with the Chief Executive Office to allow LA County Parks to operate and maintain the new facility.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Department to deliver the proposed Project utilizing a 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 contractor who is awarded this contract 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 proposed Project 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. The proposed Project will include a best-efforts goal that at least 30 percent (30%) of the total California craft worker hours for refurbishment work on the Project be performed by local residents.

A portion of the Project will be completed by Outward Bound Adventures (OBA), a local non-profit youth workforce development organization based in the Altadena/Pasadena community that has been engaged in Fire Recovery efforts within the burn area of the January 2025 Eaton Fire. OBA's participation is consistent with LA County Parks as-needed service agreements to implement landscape, trail, and other site work while supporting equitable opportunities for young people through training, work, education and support. Additional work may be supplemented by a local Conservation Corps. On December 1, 2024, the LA County Parks entered contracts with five local Conservation Corps for employment of at-risk youth for as-needed landscaping, maintenance, and related services. The scope of work and budget for the proposed Project complies with the terms and conditions of these contracts.

The proposed Project is located on property owned by LACFCD. The LA County Parks currently operates the adjacent Loma Alta Staging Area and overflow parking lot on LACFCD owned property through an existing use agreement. As part of the proposed Project, the existing agreement will be amended, or a new agreement will be negotiated between the LA County Parks and LACFCD to ensure land tenure for a minimum of twenty-five years as required by the federal grant.

Per the federal grant award, the proposed Project is subject to Build America, Buy America requirements stipulating that all the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. In addition, the order to meet the grant requirements, the project must be completed by December 30, 2027.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004, and last amended on August 4, 2020, the proposed project budget for the Shady Lane Trail Project, CP No. 8A101, is exempt from Civic Art Allocation as the eligible project costs are under \$500,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The

proposed Project, which involves the installation of a meandering multi-use connector trail with amenities such as interpretive signage; lodgepole fencing; trail access point bollards; retaining walls as needed; removal of existing trees in poor health and planting of new trees with irrigation; trimming of mature existing trees to an appropriate equestrian height; removal and replacement of existing chain-link fencing; and installation of large boulders to define the trail and protect users from vehicles along Loma Alta Drive, 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(h); 15302(c); 15303(d) and (e); and 15304(a) and (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (j); 2 (e); 3 (a) and (b); and 4(a) and (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project provides for maintenance of existing landscaping, replacement of existing structures and facilities, installation of small new structures, grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent, installation of new landscaping, 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 exemptions inapplicable.

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

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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

Implementation of the improvements will be completed using a combination of a Board-approved JOC and Board-approved as-needed contracts with a local Conservation Corps and/or a local non-profit youth workforce development organization. The combination of these delivery methods will allow for the most expedient and cost-effective implementation of the proposed Project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have limited impacts to services at the facility. LA County Parks will minimize and mitigate disruption by coordinating work and providing sufficient notification to the facility and the public, particularly in the case of temporary trail closures.

CONCLUSION

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

Should you have any questions please contact Michelle O'Connor at moconnor@parks.lacounty.gov or (626) 588-5302, or Johanna Hernandez at (626) 588-5370 or bll@parks.lacounty.gov.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

5/5/2026

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Norma E. Garcia-Gonzalez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N'.

Norma E. Garcia-Gonzalez

Director

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Enclosures

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

May 05, 2026

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 2025-26
4 - VOTES**

SOURCES		USES	
PARKS AND RECREATION SHADY LANE TRAIL PROJECT A01-CP-88-8752-65043-8A101 STATE-OTHER / CAPITAL PROJECTS INCREASE REVENUE	369,000	PARKS AND RECREATION SHADY LANE TRAIL PROJECT A01-CP-6014-65043-8A101 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I INCREASE APPROPRIATION	429,000
PARKS AND RECREATION PK-LOMA ALTA PARK TRAIL RELOCATION A01-CP-6014-65043-86587 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I DECREASE APPROPRIATION	60,000		
SOURCES TOTAL	\$ 429,000	USES TOTAL	\$ 429,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects an increase of \$429,000 in appropriation to the Shady Lane Trail Project, Capital Project No. 8A101, fully offset with \$369,000 in grant revenue from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation's Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program, and a transfer of \$60,000 prior year net County cost from Loma Alta Park Trail Relocation, CP No. 86587, to fund the project.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

CYNDI LIEU, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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