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Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o: Office of the City Clerk
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Honorable Members of the City Council:

Subject:

Reseda Park - Proposed La Riverway San Fernando Valley Completion Project (Vanalden to Balboa) – Grant of Right for Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of Bikeway and Pedestrian Path – Consideration of Los Angeles Valley Bikeway & Greenway Project - Vanalden Avenue to Balboa Boulevard Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 2021100118).

Recommendation for Council Action:

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests City Council (i) approval of a Grant of Right, by Ordinance, to the Department of Public Works (DPW), Bureau of Engineering (BOE) for the use of the subject portion of Reseda Park for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a public bikeway and pedestrian path; (ii) that BOE and the City Attorney's Office assist in the drafting, processing, and execution of all ordinances and other documentation necessary to grant and record the Grant of Right to DPW; and as further detailed in attached Report No. 22-161.

Background:

The LA River Way - San Fernando Valley Completion Project includes the development of approximately 13 miles of new bikeway and greenway along the Los Angeles River (LA River) in the San Fernando Valley. The Project runs between Vanalden Avenue to the west and Forest Lawn Drive/Zoo Drive to the east, and spans across Council District (CD) Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. The improvements will include pedestrian walking paths, decorative fencing and gates, roadway crossings, pet waste stations, drinking fountains, lighting, operational and wayfinding signage, site furnishings, educational interpretive elements, Best Management Practices (BMPs) for stormwater runoff, landscaping and irrigation.

Construction of the Project will allow for the following benefits:

- An integrated active transportation network weaving together a system of neighborhood parks, schools, transit, jobs and other community amenities.



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- A safe and direct alternative to traveling on high-speed east-west arterials
- An increased share of trips made by biking and walking, which will improve public health and air quality.
- Progress towards completion of the 13-mile San Fernando Valley Greenway, as well as the continuous 51-mile LA River Greenway, spanning from the San Fernando Valley southeast to Long Beach. The completed LA River Greenway will create a backbone for active transportation and transform the Los Angeles region.

Fiscal Impact Statement:

The approval of this proposed Grant of Right will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund as DPW will bear all costs associated with this action.

The costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed Project will be funded by funding sources other than RAP's General Fund.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Mr. Bryan Miller, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch, Department of Recreation and Parks, at (213) 202-3192.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND
PARK COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Takisha Sardin".

TAKISHA SARDIN
Acting Commission Executive
Assistant II

Attachments: Board Report No. 22-161

cc: Bryan Miller, Management Analyst, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch