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SUBJECT: LELAND PARK - PARK RENOVATION (PRJ20775) PROJECT -
ALLOCATION OF GIBSON PARK EXCHANGE FUNDS

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Approved

Disapproved

Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve Leland Park - Park Renovation (PRJ20775) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$200,000.00 in Gibson Park Exchange Funds from 205/88/88AM05 Welcome Park Account to a new account 205/88/TBD Leland Park;
3. Approve the allocation of \$200,000.00 from 205/88/TBD Leland Park for the Leland Park - Park Renovation (PRJ20775) project; and,
4. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Leland Park is located at 863 South Herbert Avenue in the San Pedro community of the City. This 15.76 acre site includes a baseball diamond, basketball courts, a children's play area, and a community building.

The Board has approved the allocation of a total of \$990,574.47 in Quimby Fees for the Leland Park - Park Renovation (PRJ20775) project (Board Report No. 13-283). The scope of the approved Leland Park - Park Renovation (PRJ20775) project included renovation of the existing

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basketball court, picnic areas, children's play area, lighting, landscaped areas, and walkways, and the installation of new fencing, lighting, new benches and bike racks, and landscaping and irrigation.

Department staff has determined that the existing restroom building at Leland Park is in need of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility improvements and recommends that the scope of the approved project be modified to include renovation of the existing restroom. Therefore, supplemental funding will be necessary for the completion of the project.

On February 7, 2007 the Board approved a Land Exchange Agreement with the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) wherein the Department exchanged the 1.16 acre John S. Gibson Park to POLA for a 0.40 acre property, which was later developed into San Pedro Welcome Park, as well as an additional one-time cash payment in the amount of \$1,090,000.00 (Board Report No. 07-33). The Gibson Park Exchange Funds received from POLA were deposited into 205/88/88AM05 Welcome Park Account and, per the Land Exchange Agreement, could be used for various Department activities, including, but not limited to, the development of San Pedro Welcome Park.

The San Pedro Welcome Park – Park Development (PRJ1112A) project is complete. The San Pedro Welcome Park – Park Development (PRJ1112A) project was ultimately funded with a combination of State Grant funds, Federal Grant Funds, and Quimby funds (Board Report No. 08-246, approved on August 8, 2008). None of the \$1,090,000.00 in funds received from POLA were used for the San Pedro Welcome Park – Park Development (PRJ1112A) project and those funds are available for reallocation to other projects.

Department staff is recommending the reallocation of \$200,000.00 of the Gibson Park Exchange Funds received from POLA to Leland Park - Park Renovation (PRJ20775) project as that project is a high priority project for the community and is in need of additional funding.

Upon approval of this Report, \$200,000.00 in Gibson Park Exchange Funds from 205/88/88AM05 Welcome Park Account can be transferred to a new account 205/88/TBD Leland Park and allocated to the Leland Park - Park Renovation (PRJ20775) project. The total allocation for the Leland Park - Park Renovation (PRJ20775) project, including previously allocated Quimby funds would be \$1,190,574.47.

Department staff has also determined that the subject project is a continuation of an existing project approved on November 20, 2013 (Board Report No. 13-283) that is exempted from CEQA [Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3)]. The work funded by the current Board action will not result in any additional environmental impacts, and therefore, is covered by the existing CEQA exemption. No additional CEQA documentation is required.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of funds will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department's General Fund.

The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

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