

9. 24-51777 Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application, with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the San Gabriel River Trail West Side Enhancement Project (Project); if awarded, accept an amount up to \$3,100,000 in State General Fund funding; and execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and administer the Project, including any subsequent amendments. (Districts 3, 4, 5)

**Office or Department:**

**Suggested Action:** Approve recommendation.

January 23, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to submit a grant application the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) for the San Gabriel River Trail West Side Enhancement Project (Project) and if awarded, accept an amount up \$3,100,000 in State General Fund funding; and execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and administer the Project.

As part of the California Budget Act of 2021, the RMC was appropriated \$11.1 million over three years through the Climate Resilience package in the State's budget. The funding is intended to support investments that address the climate risks within RMC's jurisdictions by investing in multi-benefit and nature-based solutions that accelerate innovative climate management and help meet the State's 2030 Green House Gases (GHG) reduction goals. The RMC has an open call for Climate Resilience Grant Program applications for projects that support or promote climate resilience, wildfire prevention, community access, and natural resource protection.

The San Gabriel River Trail is a Class I multi-use path that runs north-south from the City of Azusa to the City of Seal Beach on the east side of the river, serving as a regional amenity and point of connection to the San Gabriel River, its tributaries and the ocean. There is a separate, non-continuous path on the west side of the San Gabriel River that crosses several roads and bridges that are used informally by cyclists and walkers, requiring them to go out of their way to the nearest street crossing to continue the path. The path is heavily utilized, and to provide a safer environment and keep the area free of debris, City Council voted in May of 2021 to advance a riverfront path project along the western bank of the San Gabriel River.

To realize the City Council's vision of providing a safer environment for cyclists and walkers, Public Works aims to leverage the RMC Climate Resilience Grant Program to jump start improvements and analyze the feasibility of the west side of the San Gabriel River from Marina Drive to Carson Street. The Project will improve the conditions of the bike path, nodes or

entryways within the City's right of way with capital improvement that include paving, fencing, lighting, signage, bike sharing stations, native landscaping, hardscaping, and hydration stations. Capital improvements will be confirmed once extensive planning and design for the project area has been completed. The Project will enhance community connectivity, safety, and green spaces and align with the RMC's Climate Resilience Grant Program goals and objectives.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Vanessa S. Ibarra on January 4, 2024 and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on January 2, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 23, 2024, to ensure a Resolution authorizing the submittal of the application is prepared, as required in the application package.

FISCAL IMPACT

If awarded, the City will receive grant funds up to \$3,100,000 for the Project. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$3,100,000, which includes all project delivery costs, including planning, design, construction, construction management and oversight, inspection, environmental monitoring, and labor compliance. No matching funds are required for this grant opportunity. No appropriation is requested at this time. Upon a grant award, staff will return to the City Council with a request for funding to be appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund Group, offset by grant revenue.

This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. Approval of this recommendation will provide continued support to the local economy. The number of additional local jobs created by this project will not be known until the contractors have completed their hiring and construction has commenced.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Lopez  
Director  
Public Works

APPROVED:



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THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER

1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION  
5 FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SAN GABRIEL AND  
6 LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS  
7 CONSERVANCY CLIMATE RESILIENCE GRANT  
8 PROGRAM, FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER TRAIL WEST  
9 SIDE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT  
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11 WHEREAS, the State of California authorized an expenditure of General  
12 Funds by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy  
13 (“RMC”) for the Climate Resilience Grant Program in Section 69 of Senate Bill 170, known  
14 as the Budget Act of 2021; and

15 WHEREAS, the funding is intended to build community resilience where  
16 resources are most needed by investing in multi-benefit and nature-based solutions,  
17 activities that accelerate innovative climate management of California’s natural and  
18 working lands, and help meet the State’s 2030 Green House Gases reduction goals; and

19 WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the  
20 administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

21 WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require the Applicant’s  
22 Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission  
23 of said Application to the State; and

24 WHEREAS, City desires to submit a grant application to Rivers and  
25 Mountains Conservancy for the San Gabriel River Trail West Side Enhancement Project;  
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27 WHEREAS, the San Gabriel River Trail West Side Enhancement Project  
28 (“Project”) aims to replace miles of utility roads with a paved bike trail, and construct trail-

1 grade separations at bridge crossings; and

2 WHEREAS, the Project will enhance community connectivity, safety, and  
3 green spaces and align with the RMC's Climate Resilience Grant Program goals and  
4 objectives; and

5 WHEREAS, if awarded, the City seeks authorization to accept an amount up  
6 to Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000) in grant funds for the San  
7 Gabriel River Trail West Side Enhancement Project;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
9 follows:

10 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach approves the filing  
11 of an Application for Grant Funds from the RMC Climate Resilience Grant Program and  
12 certifies as follows:

13 A. The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains  
14 Conservancy Climate Resilience Grant Program for the San Gabriel River  
15 Trial West Side Enhancement Project is consistent with local or regional land  
16 use plans or Programs; and

17 B. The Project is consistent with the goals of Climate Resilience  
18 Grant Program; and

19 C. The Application has or will have sufficient funds to operate and  
20 maintain the Project that is being submitted for funding consideration; and

21 D. The Applicant has reviewed and understands the General  
22 Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Grant Program Guidelines;  
23 and

24 Section 2. The City Council of the City of Long Beach appoints the City  
25 Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute, and submit all  
26 documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and  
27 so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

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Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Recusal(s): Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City Clerk

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Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Duggan, Supernaw, Kerr,  
Saro, Uranga, Austin, Ricks-Oddie.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

  
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City Clerk