

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: NATHAN HAMBURGER, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR SUMAC PARK RESTROOM REHABILITATION PROJECT; NIB 21-02

The Sumac Park Restroom Rehabilitation Project (Project) was identified as part of the City's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Capital Improvement Program and \$351,690 was budgeted for the Project. This funding was made up of \$190,690 in Proposition 68 and \$161,000 of Measure A.

Measure A provides cities within Los Angeles County a formula-based annual allocation for capital improvement projects under the Community-based Park Investment Program. Agencies can elect to use the annual allocation each year, or allow it to accumulate to fund larger projects. Proposition 68 is a grant program through the State of California Coastal Conservancy that, among several other purposes, funds park improvements.

On July 14, 2021, the City awarded a \$279,080 construction contract for the Sumac Park Restroom Rehabilitation Project; NIB 21-02 (Project) to Ardalan Construction, Company, Inc. (Ardalan). Contingency funds in the amount of \$41,860 were authorized at that time.

On October 27, 2021, the City Council authorized additional contingency funds of \$50,000, to the Project for aesthetic improvements. This included \$30,000 of Measure A and \$20,000 of General Funds. These improvements included smooth finished stucco to the exterior walls of the building, painting the light poles, and a new message board.

The project has proceeded according to schedule and is nearing final completion. However, a grant funding issue has been identified and requires a General Fund appropriation to the Capital Improvement Budget as described below.

Measure A grant funds were appropriated in June 2021, the project was bid in July, and the Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued to the Contractor on August 30, 2021. Final execution of grant agreement #10062, however, was not documented by the County's Measure A administrator until January 5, 2022. Based on conditions of the executed grant agreement, project costs are only eligible for reimbursement after final execution of the agreement. The cost of the work performed from the time of the NTP but prior to final grant agreement execution, were determined to be ineligible for reimbursement. As such, the appropriation of \$85,000 of general funds to the project has become necessary.

The Measure A Grant #10062 was authorized in the amount of \$222,124. Due to the timing of the grant award, and the need to use some General Funds, Measure A funds are available for additional enhancements to the park restroom and surrounding area. This funding will allow the City to install improved entry gate security hardware, rehabilitate the surrounding landscaping, and replenish the playground area sand and fiber. These additional improvements were to be scheduled at a later date but could be accomplished now prior to the opening of the play area and restroom and will not delay the scheduled reopening.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council approve the following:

1. Appropriate General Fund dollars in the amount of \$85,000 from Fiscal Year 2021-22 for the Sumac Park Restroom Rehabilitation Project; NIB 21-02; and
2. Authorize additional Measure A contingency funds in the amount of \$70,000; and
3. Authorize City Engineer to sign Change Orders necessary to complete the project; and
4. Authorize City Manager to release any unspent Measure A grant funding back to the City's Measure A balance.