

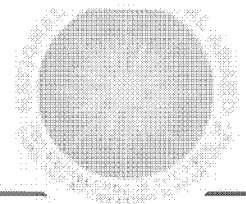


# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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City of Long Beach  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to the California Natural Resources Agency, through the California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program, for the 51<sup>st</sup> Street Greenbelt project; accept said grant, if awarded, in an amount up to \$2,000,000 for completion of the project; and execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and implement the project. (District 8)

## DISCUSSION

In January 2017, the California Natural Resources Agency (Agency) began soliciting applications for the Urban Greening Program Grant (Grant), funded by California Climate Investments, the statewide cap-and-trade program. This competitive Grant provides funding for projects that aim to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and that provide multiple additional benefits, such as a decrease in air and water pollution or a reduction in the consumption of natural resources and energy.

The Agency was allocated \$24.7 million for the Urban Greening Program, specifically earmarked for green infrastructure projects that reduce GHG emissions and provide multiple benefits. A minimum of 75 percent of awarded funds are required to go toward disadvantaged and low-income communities.

In addition to the reduction of GHG emissions, the requirements for allocating funds to benefit disadvantaged and low-income communities are stated below:

- Maximize economic, environmental, and public health benefits to the state;
- Complement efforts to improve air quality;
- Direct investment toward the most disadvantaged communities and households in the State;
- Provide opportunities for businesses, public agencies, nonprofits, and other community institutions to participate in and benefit from statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

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- Allocate at least 25 percent of the available proceeds to projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities;
- Allocate at least five percent of the available proceeds to projects located within disadvantaged communities; and,
- Allocate at least five percent of the available proceeds to projects located within and benefiting individuals living in low-income communities, or benefiting low-income households that are within a half-mile of a disadvantaged community.

The City of Long Beach's (City) 51<sup>st</sup> Street Greenbelt project (Project) will transform 0.97 acres of undeveloped land in a dense, disadvantaged, park-deficient neighborhood into a thriving greenbelt. The Project will include free healthy outdoor fitness and play amenities for multigenerational users, new trees, carbon-sequestering and drought-tolerant landscape, creative crosswalks, access to the LA River Bike Trail and DeForest Wetlands, and site furnishings, as reflected on the conceptual plan (Attachment A).

The Project is located along DeForest Avenue, between 51st and 52nd Streets, adjacent to the LA River and Perry Lindsey Middle School in North Long Beach. The Project is directly adjacent to the 710 freeway, which is impacted by traffic due to its proximity to the Port of Long Beach Goods Movement Corridor (Attachment B). The ability to add trees and plants to a community along a corridor that has significant air quality impacts will be extremely beneficial to the health and quality of life for the community.

This Project was identified as being the most competitive relative to the Grant criteria because it achieves some of the required multiple benefits, including the following:

- Sequesters and stores carbon by planting trees;
- Reduces vehicle miles traveled by constructing bicycle paths, bicycle lanes, or pedestrian facilities that provide safe routes for travel between residences, workplaces, commercial centers, and schools;
- Increases park acreage in an underserved area; and,
- Creates outdoor recreational opportunities.

In addition, the Project is consistent with City plans and would achieve plan outcomes listed in the Communities of Excellence in Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Prevention Plan (CX3), Long Beach Riverlink Plan, Long Beach Uptown Planning Land Use and Neighborhood Strategy (UPLAN), Long Beach Livability efforts, and the Lower LA River Master Plan.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on April 26, 2018 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on May 3, 2018.

### SUSTAINABILITY

The Project will provide the following additional improvements:

- Replacement of dead and diseased trees;
- Creation of more productive and healthy outdoor activities;
- Use of sustainable materials, such as native and drought-tolerant plants, recycled content surfaces, and recycled materials in signage and site furniture; and,
- A water-efficient irrigation system.

### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 22, 2018, to adopt the Resolution within the required 60-day period after Grant application.

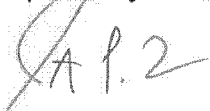
### FISCAL IMPACT

The total Project costs are estimated at \$1,984,000. If the Grant application is successful, Grant funds of up to \$2,000,000 will be received for the Project. If awarded, an appropriation increase will be requested for the Grant funds prior to Project initiation. The Grant does not require matching funds or in-kind services. City staff time directly related to project management can be charged directly to the Project and Grant; however, City administrative (indirect) costs are not eligible for Grant reimbursement. The recommended action will result in a positive impact on jobs, although the exact number is unknown at this time.

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



STEPHEN P. SCOTT  
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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ATTACHMENTS: RESOLUTION  
ATTACHMENT A - CONCEPTUAL PLAN  
ATTACHMENT B - LOCATION MAP

APPROVED:

  
PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

# 51st STREET GREENBELT CONCEPTUAL PLAN

BELOW IS A CONCEPTUAL PLAN OF WHAT COULD BE ADDED TO THE 51ST STREET GREENBELT, BASED ON SURVEY FEEDBACK AND POTENTIAL GRANT FUNDING.

THE SPACE COULD ACCOMMODATE A 1/4 MILE WALKING/JOGGING TRACK, AS WELL AS A SMALLER RUBBERIZED BICYCLE TRACK FOR NEW CYCLISTS. A PLAYGROUND, FITNESS STATIONS, AND CHALLENGE STATIONS FOR TEENS COULD ALSO BE INCORPORATED, ALONG WITH TWO DOZEN NEW TREES, A HYDRATION STATION, BETTER SIGNAGE, AND NEW PLANTS.

THE 51ST STREET GREENBELT'S PROXIMITY TO TWO SCHOOLS AND THE NEIGHBORING RESIDENTIAL AREA SPARKED THE IDEA TO CREATE AN OPEN SPACE THAT PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND VARIED INTERESTS COULD ENJOY. SPECIAL ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO PROVIDING A SAFE PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO ENJOY THEMSELVES WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT FAST MOVING VEHICLES.



Legend			
Dog Bag Dispenser	Wayfinding Signage	Bicycle Rack	
Trashcan	Hydration Station	New Plants	
Existing Fence	Quarter-mile Walking Loop	New Trees	
Bench	Tricycle/Bicycle Path	Existing Trees	
Outdoor Fitness Station	Challenge Course Equipment		



## OTHER AMENITIES:



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## 51<sup>st</sup> Street Greenbelt – Location Map



RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION  
FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA CLIMATE  
INVESTMENTS URBAN GREENING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have  
provided funds for the California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated  
the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary  
procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural  
Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the  
City Council of the City of Long Beach before submission of said application(s) to the  
State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach, if selected, will enter into an  
agreement with the State of California to carry out the below-mentioned Project;

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the filing of an application  
for the 51<sup>st</sup> Street Greenbelt Project (the "Project").

Section 2. The City Council hereby certifies that the City understands the  
assurances and certifications in the application.

Section 3. The City Council certifies that the City will have sufficient  
funds to operate and maintain the Project consistent with the land tenure requirements;  
or will secure the resources to do so.

1           Section 4.    The City Council certifies that it will comply with the provisions  
2 of Section 1771.5 of the State Labor Code.

3           Section 5.    The City Council certifies that the Project will comply with any  
4 laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes,  
5 health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to  
6 commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained.

7           Section 6.    The City Council certifies that the City will work towards the  
8 Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy,  
9 protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in  
10 Government Code Section 65041.1.

11          Section 7.    The City Council appoints the City Manager, or designee, as  
12 agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not  
13 limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be  
14 necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

15          Section 8.    This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
16 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018  
by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk