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MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the City Manager the approval of a Class I bike path as an improvement for public recreation at El Dorado Park, which meets a recreational need within the City. (District 4, 5)

DISCUSSION

The San Gabriel River Bike Path Gap Closure project will construct a Class I Bike Path from the northeast corner of Studebaker Rd. and Willow St. that will connect to the San Gabriel River Trail through El Dorado Park. The bike path will be aligned near Willow St. to minimize impacts to the park (Attachment 1).

The project was funded through a 2007 Metro Call for Projects grant which has since been extended. The original project scope included possible construction of a bicycle bridge across the San Gabriel River. A feasibility study explored this option but ultimately determined that the cost would exceed the project budget. The project will instead provide a Class I bike path by expanding the connection through the Willow St. bridge.

The Class I bike path will be 12 feet wide with two 4 foot lanes allowing bicycle travel in both directions and a 2ft. shoulder on either side. There will be approximately 3 feet of separation between the bike path and the curb face on Willow Street. The path will connect to an existing road at El Dorado Park to increase recreational opportunities and access to the park. Existing trees will be protected in place.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends to the City Manager plans for the development, beautification and maintenance of public-park and recreational areas, so Commission support of the proposed improvements is requested.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended action would use \$783,000 in grant funds and \$410,170 in City funds, totaling \$1,193,170, which would be sufficient to cover costs for the project. Funds are budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund in the Public Works Department.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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BUSINESS OPERATIONS

APPROVED:



MARIE KNIGHT
DIRECTOR

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ATTACHMENT 1 - Aerial of Proposed San Gabriel River Bike Path