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MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the City Manager the approval of a walking trail and associated landscaping as an improvement for public recreation at the Red Car Greenbelt, which meets a recreational need within the City. (District 3)

DISCUSSION

The Red Car Greenbelt Project (Project) is a proposed improvement to 3.66 acres of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way from Park Avenue to Ximeno Avenue (Attachment 1) that will consist of a concrete walking trail and drought-tolerant landscape. Originally, the property was railroad right-of-way operated by the Pacific Electric Railway.

The Project Concept Plan (Attachment 2) features two trailheads where walkers can enter the greenbelt and trail. One entrance will be on 4th Street at Park Avenue, and the other entrance will be on Ximeno. A concrete pathway will connect the two trailheads, and will be surrounded by drought-tolerant landscaping, intended to be complimentary to the plant palette in the Long Beach Greenbelt to the northwest and the Colorado Lagoon to the south. The Project is crossed by a bike path at 6th Street, which connects to the City's bike route network. Together, will the Long Beach Greenbelt to the northwest, the Project connects to the Colorado Lagoon to the southeast, where visitors will have a connection through Marine Stadium to the ocean.

The Project concept is part of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Master Plan that was completed between 2013 and 2014, and was funded by \$150,000 in one-time funds from Council District 3. The Project will be funded by numerous grants and other sources, including from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, Los Angeles County Fourth Supervisorial District and Council District 3.

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 appropriate and requested.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The construction budget for the Red Car Greenbelt Project is \$1,050,000, and is funded by the following: \$450,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund; \$300,000 in Proposition A Competitive Excess Grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; \$80,000 from the Los Angeles County Fourth Supervisorial District Excess Funds Program; \$70,000 from Council District 3 FY13 non-recurring funds; and \$150,000 from the City of Long Beach Measure A. These funds are budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund in the Public Works Department.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



STEPHEN P. SCOTT
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
MANAGER BUSINESS OPERATIONS

APPROVED:



MARIE KNIGHT
DIRECTOR

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ATT: 1 – Aerial of Red Car Greenbelt
2 – Red Car Greenbelt Concept Plan