



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Funds. (Districts 1,6,7)

The City Council approved the Redevelopment Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 on September 13, 2005. Several important public projects are planned in the Central Long Beach, North Long Beach, and West Long Beach Industrial Redevelopment Project Areas including public parks and recreation facilities, libraries, and street and storm drain improvements.

California Redevelopment Law provides that the Redevelopment Agency may, with the consent of the City Council, pay for public improvements, which are publicly owned either within or outside of a Redevelopment Project Area, if the City Council determines all of the following:

That the construction of such public improvements are of benefit to the redevelopment project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the public improvement project is located;

That no other reasonable means of financing the public improvements are available to the community; and

That the payment of Redevelopment Agency funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the Project Area. The Redevelopment Agency Board approved its Fiscal Year 2005-2006 budget on June 27, 2005 that includes many public projects. These are listed as follows:

Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area

Burnett Library Expansion

Seaside Park Expansion

Armory Park Development

Orizaba Park Expansion

California Recreation Senior Center

Martin Luther King Medians

Daryle Black Park Expansion

Alamitos Avenue and 1 5th Street

Wrigley Village Public Improvements

East Village Public Improvements

Wilmore City Public Improvements

Pacific Coast Highway at Atlantic Avenue Public Improvements

Gateway Signage in Redevelopment Areas

North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area

Village Center Library/Community Center

Village Center Parking/Open Space

Historic Node Parking/Open Space

Admiral Kidd Park Expansion and Development

Ed "Pops" Davenport Park Expansion (55'h Way)

One-way Street Couplet Implementation
Long Beach Boulevard Repaving
Gateway Signage in Redevelopment Areas
Streetscape and Median Improvement Along Major Corridors:
Long Beach Boulevard Medians and Streetscape
Paramount Boulevard Medians and Streetscape
Artesia Medians and Streetscape
Del Amo Medians and Streetscape
Santa Fe Corridor Medians and Streetscape
Alley Improvements in the Hamilton/NEA Area
West Long Beach Industrial Project Area
Pump Station and Storm Drain Upgrades
Benefit to Project Areas

Development of additional park, library and recreation facilities will assist in the removal of blight in densely populated neighborhoods that are currently underserved in terms of open space and recreational opportunities, while also helping to create a more positive and nurturing environment within neighborhoods. Further, targeted street improvements and storm drain upgrades will eliminate blight, improve traffic flow and the safety of residents, and promote business attraction and retention.

It should be noted that this action does not approve the specific projects listed. Each project will require future contract/agreement/expenditure approvals by the Redevelopment Agency Board and in some cases the City Council.

Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolutions making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with redevelopment funds in the Central Long Beach, North Long Beach and West Long Beach Industrial Redevelopment Project Areas.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Heather A. Mahood on October 24, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on October 21, 2005.

City Council action is requested on November 1, 2005, in order to initiate the transactions.

Funding for the projects listed are included in the Redevelopment Fund (RD) of the FY 06 adopted budget for the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund (GP).

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