



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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September 16, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach

California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to California State Parks and Recreation through the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$257,813 for the replacement of two trail bridges at the El Dorado Nature Center, at a total estimated cost of \$292,970. (District 4)

## DISCUSSION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is requesting approval to apply for grant funding to replace two wooden trail bridges at the El Dorado Nature Center (Nature Center). The Nature Center was developed in 1969, with the museum building located on an island connected to the main area of the Nature Center by two bridges. One large trail bridge connects the Nature Center museum to the entrance area and a parking lot on the east, and a second smaller trail bridge connects the museum to the trails and habitat on the west (Attachment A).

Over the past 40 years, the wooden bridges have been heavily used by the public visiting the Nature Center, but do not meet current ADA requirements. In addition, the bridges have deteriorated due to age and being exposed to the elements, and they have become infested with termites. Due to all of these factors, the bridges have now reached the end of their usable lifespan. Currently, staff must spend an increasing amount of time and funds to maintain the bridges at a usable level. If awarded, grant funds will provide for the replacement of both wooden bridges.

PRM is applying for a total of \$257,813 in grant funding from California State Parks and Recreation through the Recreational Trails Program, at a total estimated project cost of \$292,970. The grant requires 12 percent in matching funds, which totals \$35,157. Of the \$35,157, PRM staff time to manage the project accounts for \$8,000, with Partners of Parks donating \$27,157 in funds designated for the Nature Center. The Recreational Trails Program provides funds annually for recreational trails and trails-related projects through federal highway transportation funds administered at the state level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson reviewed this matter and prepared the attached Resolution on August 25, 2008, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell reviewed this matter on August 27, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to approve the Resolution is requested on September 16, 2008, in order to allow submission of the grant application to California State Parks and Recreation by the October 1, 2008, deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$292,970. Grant monies will offset 88 percent, or \$257,813 of the project, with the remaining 12 percent paid by a donation from Partners of Parks and staff time already budgeted in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. The project will not impact the General Fund.

Should the grant application be selected for funding, a recommendation will be made to the City Council to accept and appropriate the grant funding and Partners of Parks funding.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

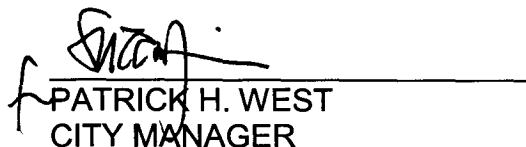


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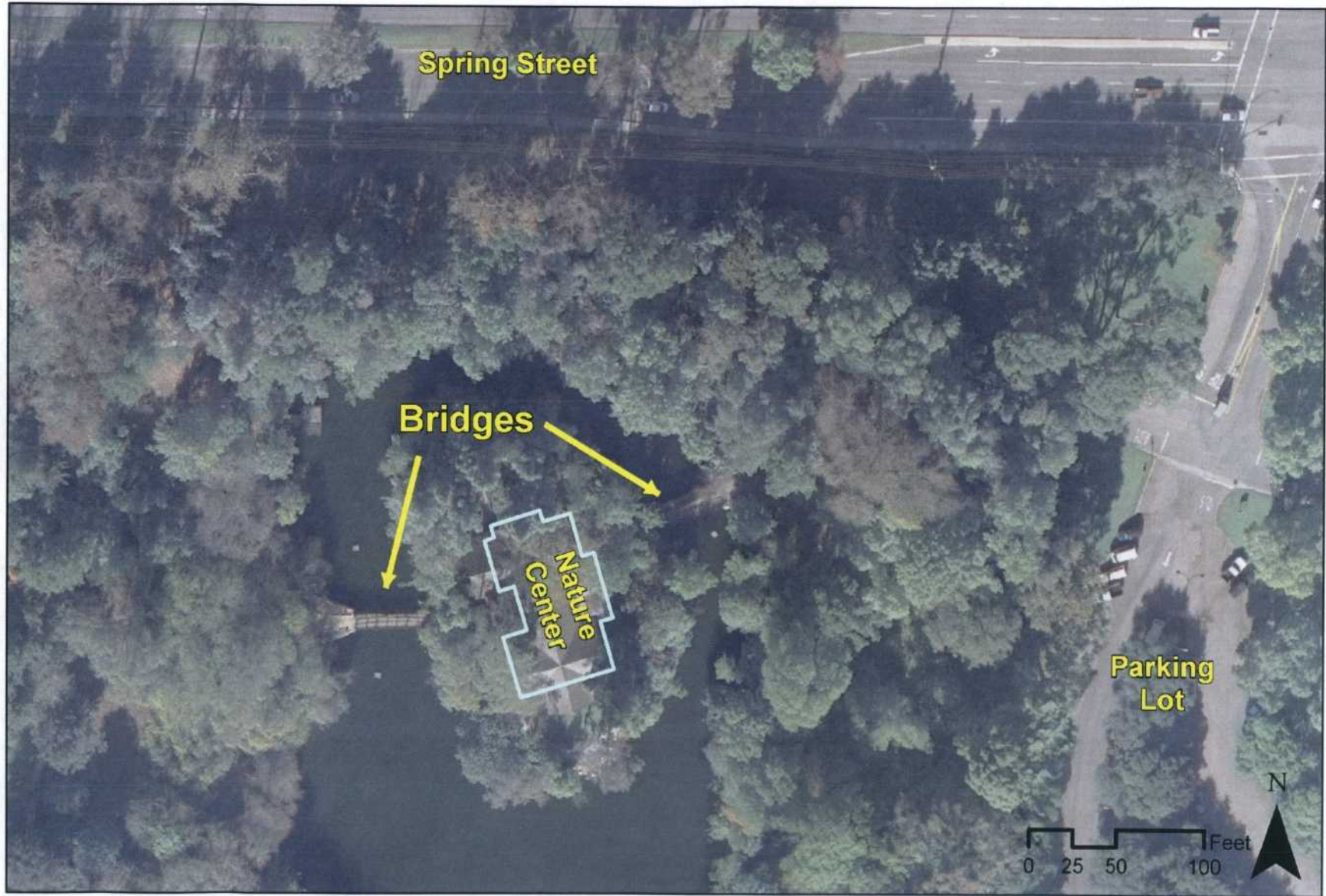
Attachments: Aerial Photograph  
Resolution

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

# El Dorado Nature Center Trail Bridges



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RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION  
FOR GRANT FUNDS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR FUNDING FROM  
THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE  
EL DORADO NATURE CENTER TRAIL BRIDGES  
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity  
Act: A Legacy for Users" provides funds to the State of California for grants to federal,  
state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized  
and non-motorized trail projects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been  
delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting  
up necessary procedures governing project applications under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks  
and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s)  
before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of  
California to complete the project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Long Beach City Council  
hereby:

Section 1. Approves the filing of an application for the Recreational Trails  
Program; and

Section 2. The City Manager of the City is hereby authorized to submit an  
application for the replacement of two bridges at the El Dorado Nature Center, known as

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1 the El Dorado Nature Center Trail Bridges project ("Project"), and if the City receives  
2 grant funds, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but  
3 not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests and so on,  
4 which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

5 Section 3. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the applicant's  
6 general plan or the equivalent planning document; and

7 Section 4. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available prior to  
8 commencement of any work on the Project included in this application, sufficient funds to  
9 operate and maintain the Project; and

10 Section 5. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and  
11 agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the procedural guide;  
12 and,

13 Section 6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws,  
14 ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

15 Approved and adopted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

16 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by  
17 the Long Beach City Council by the following vote.

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

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

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

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City Clerk

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