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Date: March 12, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce, District 2 *JJP*
Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, District 1 *LG*
Councilwoman Suzie Price, District 3 *SP*

Subject: Queen Mary Island Gondola System

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Request City Manager to work with Urban Commons, The Wave team and other key stakeholders to determine the cost of a Feasibility Study pertaining to the development of a Gondola System connecting Downtown Long Beach with Queen Mary Island.
2. Request the City Manager to work with Urban Commons to identify key stakeholders to create a multiparty partnership to conduct an initial Feasibility Study pertaining to the development of a potential gondola system connecting Downtown and Queen Mary, and identify potential public and private funding sources to begin the initial feasibility study.

BACKGROUND

As Long Beach's Downtown continues to grow with new developments for housing, business, and entertainment, more mobility solutions are needed. One possible solution is a gondola system to transport residents and visitors from Downtown Long Beach to Queen Mary Island.

Urban Commons is working on the concept of a gondola system as part of their development project. Secondly, they are seeking to work with several potential partners to assist with a portion of the costs required for an initial study.

This request asks for Urban Commons to identify potential partners such as any interested properties, the City, the DLBA, LB Transit, Metro, developers and others to partner and assist with the commission of the initial study.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is anticipated this request will have a fiscal impact, but is unknown at the time. This action should include staff reviewing implementation options and associated costs. Any potential public participation in this project will be identified by the City Manager.