

November 21, 2019

**MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend to the City Manager the approval of an artificial turf sports field and associated site improvements for public recreation at El Dorado Park West, which meets a recreational need within the City. (District 5).

**DISCUSSION**

As part of the Fiscal Year 14 and 15 Budgets, the City Council approved \$3.59 million in one-time funding for turf conversion projects and identified sports fields at three park locations for artificial turf installations. The three parks identified were Admiral Kidd Park, located at 2125 Santa Fe Avenue, Seaside Park, located at Chestnut Avenue and W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and El Dorado Park West, located at Studebaker Road immediately south of the Parks, Recreation and Marine Administration building at 2760 Studebaker Road.

The El Dorado Park West Artificial Turf Field Project (Project) will replace the existing grass sports field located on Studebaker Road between E. Barrios Street and Willow Street with an artificial turf sports field (Attachment 1). The Project includes an artificial turf sports field with cork and sand infill, consistent with Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to the City Manager in 2015 (Attachment 2). The Project will also include a 42" wire fence and soccer netting behind each goal on the north and south end of the field, while permanent perimeter boulders, designed to restrict vehicle access to the field but not block views into the Park, will be located to the east and west of the field. The field will include ADA access to the adjacent parking lot and sidewalk on Studebaker. The Project will not include field lights. Consistent with existing City practices, field permitting priority will be given to City programming, Long Beach Unified School District, and local youth leagues.

This field will be the fifth installation of artificial turf sports fields across the City including fields at Seaside Park (opened November 2017), Drake Chavez Greenbelt (opened January 2018), Admiral Kidd Park (opened March 2018), and Molina Park (opened August 2018). Replacing natural grass turf with synthetic turf on soccer fields has several benefits, including providing a playing surface that addresses field safety issues and enhances playability to meet demand.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Project includes \$850,000.00 funds from the City of Long Beach Measure A and \$617,478.42 from City Council One-time funds. These funds are budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund in the Public Works Department.

The Parks, Recreation and Marine Department will be responsible for maintenance of the artificial turf sports field. Funding for this cost has not been identified, and will be requested as part of the FY21 budget process.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATT: 1 – El Dorado Park West Project Map  
2 – El Dorado Park West Project Conceptual Design Plan



# El Dorado West Artificial Turf Field Site Map

## Attachment 1



