



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolutions authorizing making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with funds from the West Beach and Downtown Redevelopment Project Areas. (Districts 1,2)

In cooperation with affected developers, downtown stakeholders, and City staff, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) has prepared an Open Space Master Plan for The Promenade (Master Plan). The Master Plan lays out the design for more than three blocks of The Promenade from Ocean Boulevard to the north side of Third Street, and includes public art, seating, lighting, landscaping, water features, and renovation of the amphitheater at the northeast corner of The Promenade and First Street. In addition to financial contributions from developers along The Promenade, the Agency has secured a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and allocated Redevelopment funds for the construction of The Promenade improvements to ensure the improvements achieve the level and quality envisioned by the Master Plan (Exhibit A).

California Redevelopment Law provides that the Agency may, with the consent of the City Council, pay for public improvements that 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 Agency funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the project area.

Resolutions making the necessary findings regarding the construction of these public improvements with redevelopment funds from the Downtown and West Beach Redevelopment Project Areas are attached. Construction of improvements to The Promenade from Ocean Boulevard to the north side of Third Street will assist in the removal of blight by providing useable open space for downtown employees and residents, improving pedestrian safety and promoting business attraction.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Heather A. Mahood on April 16, 2007, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on April 26, 2007.

City Council action is requested on May 8, 2007, in order to initiate the transactions.

The General Fund (GP) will not be impacted by the design and construction of The Promenade Open Space Master Plan. Design and construction funds come from developer contributions (\$2,511,336), an MTA grant (\$390,000) and Redevelopment funds (RD) (\$2,652,000), which total \$5,553,336.

Approve recommendation.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS (PROMENADE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND AMPHITHEATER IMPROVEMENTS)

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