



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Report to the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee

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TO: Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee

FROM: Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025 Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds – Proposed Reallocation Recommendations

SUMMARY

Should the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the recommendation to reallocate \$3,826,364 of Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds to the following projects:

- Robb Field Parking Lot Improvements, CIP# B19157- \$3,600,000
- Robb Field Playground, CIP# B19175- \$226,364

Funding will come from the following projects:

- \$3,600,000 from B19133 Robb Field Turf & Irrigation Improvement. This project will be cancelled.
- \$226,364 from B19187 Robb Field Recreation Center. This project will be cancelled.

Director's Recommendation – Approve the recommendation listed in this report.

Fiscal Impact – The \$3,826,364 of MBPIF will allow for the identified projects to move to their next stage.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – Not applicable.

Environmental – The allocation of funds will not result in any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2).

BACKGROUND

The Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund (MBPIF) is one of two capital improvement project funds to receive revenues from leaseholds in Mission Bay Park. The other fund is the San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund (RPIF).

The two funds were established by voter approval of revisions to the City Charter, Article V, Section 55.2 (Charter Section 55.2). The initial Charter 55.2 became effective on July 1, 2009 under Proposition C, and a subsequent amendment to Charter 55.2 became effective after voters approved Measure J on November 8, 2016, with those amendments going into effect on December 19, 2016.

Mission Bay lease revenues are allocated by a formula based on Charter Section 55.2 as follows:

- Initial \$20 million of Mission Bay lease revenues goes into the City's General Fund and may be used for any municipal purpose
- Next \$3.5 million goes to RPIF (total lease revenue is \$23.5 million)
- Next \$6.5 million goes to MBPIF (total lease revenue is \$30 million)
- Revenue received thereafter is split at a ratio of 35% to RPIF and 65% to MBPIF

The purpose of the MBPIF is to support capital improvement projects within the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Mission Bay, as identified in the City Charter or by City Council Ordinance.

RECOMMENDED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Department staff recommends allocating \$3,826,364 of MBPIF revenues to the below projects. Funding will come from the following projects:

- \$3,600,000 from B19133 Robb Field Turf & Irrigation Improvement. This project will be cancelled.
- \$226,364 from B19187 Robb Field Recreation Center. This project will be cancelled.

The recommended allocation will be added to the City's CIP through a council action. Recommended projects are:

- *Robb Field Parking Lot Improvements, CIP# B19157, \$3,600,000*

Scope: This project provides for the repair and resurfacing of the parking lot located at Robb Field, in Mission Bay. Drainage will need to be evaluated. ADA spaces will need improvements. There are four interconnecting parking lots that service the park totaling approximately 250,000 square feet.

Financial: \$2,123,000 has been allocated to this project to date, all to MBPIF.

Status: This project is currently in design. The recommended funding allocation of MBPIF will go toward construction.

- *Robb Field Playground, CIP# B19175, \$226,364*

Scope: This project provides for the replacement and possible expansion of the existing playground within the Ocean Beach Athletic Area, commonly referred to as Robb Field. The playground improvements are to provide play structures for children two to 12 years of age as separate play areas. The playground area shall adhere to universal play principals and shall avoid thematic play, unless desired by the Robb Field Recreation Advisory Group. Play area improvements are to include accessible picnic facility.

Financial: To date, \$709,000 has been allocated to this project, \$567,675 of it MBPIF.

Status: This project is currently in design. It is anticipated to start construction in July 2026 and be complete in December 2027. The recommended funding allocation of MBPIF will go toward construction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department recommends approval of the recommended allocation of Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund to the projects listed in this report.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the recommendations listed in this report.
2. Do not approve the recommendations listed in this report.
3. Recommend alternative allocations to specific eligible capital projects.

Respectfully submitted,

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