



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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ATTENTION: Parks and Recreation Board Agenda of May 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Reallocation of Fiscal Year 2026 Regional Parks Improvement Funds

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the recommendation to reallocate \$336,674.43 in RPIF funds from the following projects:

- \$248,000.00 from San Diego Air and Space Museum Roof Replacement, B20116
- \$88,674.43 from EB Scripps Park Emergency, CIP# B24069

To the following project:

- \$336,674.43 to Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements, CIP# S15034

Department Recommendation – Approve the recommendation to reallocate Regional Park Improvement Funds to the project listed in this report.

Other Recommendations – Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact – Regional Park Improvement Funds will allow the projects to continue with either their current phase or move to the next one.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – Not applicable.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Impact – Not applicable.

Strategic/Tactical Equity Plan Impact – Not applicable.

Environmental – The proposed activity which involves the reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Funds is not subject to CEQA based on CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) as it is a government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and therefore is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3).

BACKGROUND

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

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 following parks are eligible for use of RPIF, in accordance with Charter Section 55.2(a)(g) and Ordinances O-20088, O-20311, and O-21372:

- Balboa Park (Charter)
- Beaches and Shoreline Parks (Charter)
- Chicano Park (O-20311)
- Chollas Creek Watershed Parks (O-21372)¹
- Chollas Lake Park (Charter)
- Mission Trails Regional Park (Charter)
- Open Space Parks (Charter)
- Otay Valley Regional Park (Charter)
- Presidio Park (Charter)
- San Diego River Park (Charter)
- Torrey Pines City Park (O-20088)

The RPIF aims to support capital improvement projects within the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for regional parks, as identified in the City Charter or by City Council Ordinance.

¹ Chollas Creek Watershed Regional Park includes the following parks: 30th Street Mini-Park, 41st Street Mini-Park, Adams Avenue Community Park and Recreation Center, Dennis V. Allen Neighborhood Park, Azalea Neighborhood Park and Recreation Center, Boston Avenue Linear Park, Cedar Ridge Mini-Park, Central Avenue Mini-Park, Central Neighborhood Park, Charles L. Lewis III Memorial Park, Cherokee Point Neighborhood Park, Chollas Community Park, Chollas Lake, Chollas Parkway Open Space, City Heights Recreation Center and Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park, City Heights Square Mini Park, Clay Avenue Mini-Park, Colina del Sol Community Park and Recreation Center, Dorothy Petway Neighborhood Park, Dr. Bertha O. Pendleton Neighborhood Park, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Park and Recreation Center, Emerald Hills Neighborhood Park, Encanto Community Park and Recreation Center, Federal Boulevard Pocket Park, Gompers Neighborhood Park, Hawk Pocket Park, Hollywood Neighborhood Park, Imperial Marketplace Open Space, J Street Mini-Park, Keiller Neighborhood Park, Lomita Neighborhood Park, Marie Widman Neighborhood Park, Martin Avenue Mini-Park, Memorial Community Park and Dolores Magdaleno Memorial Recreation Center, Montclair Neighborhood Park, Mount Hope Cemetery, Neal Petties Mountain View Community Park and Recreation Center, Oak Park Neighborhood Park, Ocean View Mini-Park, Officer Christopher Wilson Neighborhood Park, Park de la Cruz Neighborhood Park and Community Center/Gymnasium, Skyline Hills Community Park and Recreation Center, Southcrest Community Park and Recreation Center, Southcrest Trails Neighborhood Park, Sunshine Berardini Field, Teralta Neighborhood Park, Virgie Hazel McCain and William Henry Carter Mini-Park, Wabash Neighborhood Park, Walls of Excellence Mini-Park, Wightman Street Neighborhood Park, Willie Henderson Sports Complex and Recreation Center, Z Street Mini-Park, and Zena Mini-Park.

DISCUSSION

Department staff recommend \$336,674.43 of RPIF be allocated to the projects listed in this report. This involves reducing allocations for two projects. The allocations come from the following projects:

- San Diego Air and Space Museum Roof Replacement, B20116 (\$248,000.00) – Construction bids came in lower than anticipated, and this project has savings.
- EB Scripps Park Emergency, CIP# B24069 (\$88,674.43) – This project is complete and has savings.

The allocations, if approved, would be added to the City’s CIP through a separate council action. The recommended project is as follows:

- *Junipero Serra Museum Accessibility Improvements, CIP# S15034, \$336,674.43*

Scope: This project provides for the design and construction of improvements to provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the Junipero Serra Museum within Presidio Park. The project includes a new parking lot, security lighting, an accessible walkway, site furnishings, and landscape enhancements.

Financial: To date, \$2,160,517 has been allocated to this project. Of that, \$2,093,896 is RPIF. The total project cost is \$6,340,557.43. With this action, and the reallocation of RPIF proposed in the follow-up report, this will fully fund the project. These funds are for construction.

Status: The project is at the 100 percent design phase and is progressing through environmental permitting. Construction is anticipated to last from January through November 2027.

ALTERNATIVES

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

Respectfully submitted,



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