



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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ATTENTION: San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee
Agenda of July 20, 2017

SUBJECT: Reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Funds from B17110 Bermuda Ave Coastal Access & Seawall Repair to B17029 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Oversight Committee also approve the following transfer of funds?

1. \$200,000 from B17110 Bermuda Ave Coastal Access & Seawall Repair to B17029 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs

Director's Recommendation – Approve the recommended transfers of funds for B17029 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs

Fiscal Impact – This allocation of RPIF will allow B17029 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs to complete construction.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – Not applicable.

Environmental – This activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes in the environment, and are therefore not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c) (2). The individual projects recommended to be funded will comply with CEQA requirements.

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund (RPIF) is one of two capital improvement project funds to receive Mission Bay Park lease revenues from leaseholds in Mission Bay Park. The other fund is the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund. The two funds were established by voter approval of revisions to the City Charter, Article V, Section 55.2 and became effective July 1, 2009, with the start of Fiscal Year 2010.

Per the Charter and Measure J, RPIF is derived from the first \$3.5 million available or 35%, whichever is greater, of the excess revenue received over a threshold amount of \$20 million in Mission Bay leasehold revenues. The first \$20 million of Mission Bay leasehold revenues goes into the City's General Fund and may be used for any municipal purpose.

The beach access stairway at 100-202 Coast Boulevard is located at the end of a walkway that connects Coast Boulevard with Horseshoe Beach, which is located just south of Nicholson Point and Whale View Point. The stairway was destroyed by storm surf due to the combined King Tides of December 2015 and El Nino storms of January 2016. The stairs provide beach access for a large stretch of public beach in the La Jolla area and need to be replaced. Alternate access points to Horseshoe Beach via Marine Street and Sea Lane do not provide direct access to the north end of this beach.

In a memorandum addressed to the Assistant Park and Recreation Director, the City's Lifeguard Chief expressed a concern for public safety due to the closed stairway causing increased response times should a rescue need to be made or emergency assistance provided in the vicinity of 100-202 Coast Boulevard along Horseshoe Beach. Upon receiving this memorandum, the Park and Recreation Department Director then sent a memo to the City Engineer requesting the replacement of this beach access stairway be declared an emergency project to which the City Engineer agreed. 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs (B17029) was created to provide all design, permitting, and construction for complete replacement of beach access stairs in their existing location.

On July 12, 2016, the Park and Recreation Department presented the report, "Regional Park Improvement Fund Allocation to Emergency Coastal Access Stairway Reconstruction at 100-202 Coast Boulevard in La Jolla and Delay of Coastal Access Stairway Improvements at Orchard Avenue, Capri by the Sea, and Old Salt Pool until Fiscal Year 2018" to the San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee. In the report the Department recommended an allocation of \$387,000 of Regional Park Improvement Funds to 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs (B17029).

On September 8, 2016, the Park and Recreation Department presented the report, "Reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Fund from Mohnike Adobe and Hay Barn Restoration to Coastal Access Stairway Reconstruction at Orchard Avenue, Capri by the Sea, Old Salt Pool, 100-202 Coast Boulevard, and Bermuda Avenue" to the San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee. In the report the Department recommended an allocation of \$163,000 of Regional Park Improvement Funds to 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs (B17029) and \$450,000 to Bermuda Ave Coastal Access & Seawall Repair (B17110).

The existing cast concrete stairway at the western end of Bermuda Avenue in Ocean Beach has collapsed due to long term degradation from wave attack. The seawall has also been deteriorating for many years and its condition directly affects the stability and integrity of the stairway. Bermuda Ave Coastal Access & Seawall Repair (B17110) provides for a complete assessment of the factors causing and contributing to the failure of the stairway with the aim of either repairing or replacing the structure as appropriate. This project will also provide an evaluation of the adjacent seawall as the two structures are connected and the seawall has been undermined and repaired in the past. The assessment will include alternatives for repair/replacement if appropriate.

On January 19, 2017, the Park and Recreation Department presented the report, "Recommended Allocations of Fiscal Year 2017 Regional Park Improvement Funds" to the San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee. In the report the Department recommended an allocation of \$1,000,000 to Coastal Erosion and Access (AGF00006). The recommended allocation for Fiscal Year 2018 was to complete the design and permitting process for the Bermuda Ave. beach access and initiate feasibility studies and design for the Santa Cruz Avenue and Narragansett Street locations. The approval did not specify how much of the \$1,000,000 allocation would go to each project.

On June 15, 2017, the Park and Recreation Department presented the report, "Allocation of \$1,000,000 of Regional Park Improvement Funds within the Coastal Erosion and Access Annual Allocation (AGF00006) to projects at Bermuda Avenue, Santa Cruz Avenue and Narragansett Street" to the San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee. In the report the Department recommended an allocation of \$200,000 to Bermuda Ave Coastal Access & Seawall Repair (B17110). The recommended allocation for Fiscal Year 2018 was to complete the design and permitting process for the Bermuda Ave. beach access.

The City believes in effective cash management when it comes to its Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). One of the practices the City follows to ensure timely completion of projects requires the reallocation of funds to priority projects that are farther along in the CIP process and thus closer to completion.

DISCUSSION

Public Works contacted Park and Recreation regarding 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs (B17029). To complete the project, \$200,000 was needed. As this is an emergency project it was requested that the funds come from another project within the Coastal Erosion and Access (AGF00006) annual allocation. Bermuda Ave Coastal Access & Seawall Repair (B17110) was chosen at the time due to the transfer authorized by the Oversight Committee on June 15, 2017 not being approved yet. The transfer would leave \$383,000 in Bermuda Ave Coastal Access & Seawall Repair (B17110) and would not delay the project. The feasibility study is expected to be complete at the end of July 2017. The requested transfer would keep with the City's cash management policy for CIP projects. Funding would be returned to Bermuda Ave Coastal Access & Seawall Repair (B17110) when it becomes available, either through the completion of other projects, during the proposed budget process, or a combination of both.

RECOMMENDATIONS

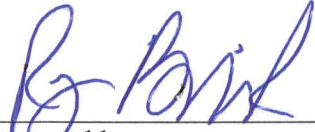
The Department is recommending the approval of the transfers of funds for B17029 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the recommended transfers of funds for B17029 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs.
2. Do not approve the recommended transfers of funds for B17029 202 Coast Boulevard Access Stairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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