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SUBJECT: MACARTHUR PARK – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF PERIMETER FENCING PROJECT – REALLOCATION AND TRANSFER OF GENERAL CAPITAL FUNDS

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Withdrawn _____

If Approved: Board President [Signature]

Board Secretary [Signature]

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Conceptually approve the proposed MacArthur Park Perimeter Fencing Project (Project), as further described in the summary of this Report;
2. Approve the reallocation of \$2,300,000 from Fund No. 205, Department No. 88, Account No. 88000H to Fund No. 302, Department No. 89 and APPR No. 89270K General Capital sub account MacArthur Park project, and authorize the Departmental Chief Accounting Employee to transfer such funds in accordance with this Report;
3. Direct staff to return to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) with final plans for the Project; and,
4. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

MacArthur Park is located at 2230 West 6th Street in the Westlake community of the City. MacArthur Park is situated southwest of 6th Street, northeast of 7th Street, northwest of Alvarado Street, and southeast of Park View Street.

MacArthur Park is divided into two sections by Wilshire Boulevard, which was constructed across the site in the 1930s. The two sections of the park are connected by two concrete tunnels under Wilshire Boulevard, called pedestrian subways, though they are typically locked in order to prevent public access

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The northern section of MacArthur Park includes a bandshell, a synthetic turf soccer field, outdoor fitness equipment, two playgrounds, a recreation center building, landscaped open space areas, and concrete paved walkways. The southern side of MacArthur Park includes a lake, playground, landscaping, grassy slopes, and concrete and asphalt paved walkways.

MacArthur Park is City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument No. 100. MacArthur Park was designated as a City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument in 1972.

Finally, MacArthur Park is also home to multiple public memorials, sculptures, and art installations. Examples of these public art installations include the Hungarian Freedom Fighters Memorial, Judy Simonian's Pyramids, the monument dedicated to Archbishop Oscar A. Romero, and the statue of Harrison Gray Otis.

PROJECT SCOPE

Over the years, MacArthur Park has remained a vital community gathering place, but it has also experienced ongoing public safety and quality-of-life challenges that pose challenges to perform maintenance and sustain park investments. In recent years, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) has been working collaboratively with the Mayor's Office, Council District 1, and the Los Angeles Police Department to develop strategies that balance safety, accessibility, and preservation of the park's historic character.

The proposed wrought iron perimeter fencing reflects this balanced approach. The intent of the fencing is not to limit access, but rather to create a safer, more welcoming, and better-managed environment for park visitors and nearby residents. Similar approaches have been implemented successfully at other parks where perimeter fencing has helped improve conditions while maintaining public access and programming.

By installing perimeter fencing, RAP aims to provide greater flexibility in managing park hours, improve oversight during off-hours, and support long-term stewardship of this important public space. The proposed MacArthur Park Perimeter Fencing Project (Project) would install a green wrought iron fence around both the northern and southern sections of the park. The proposed fence would fully enclose the historical Wilshire Boulevard sides and the eight historically prominent cornered ingress/egress points. The fence would include gates at all ingress/egress points. The design of the perimeter fencing will need to comply with all applicable Los Angeles Building Code requirements for egress, fire/emergency services, and accessibility.

Upon approval of this Report, RAP staff would prepare and release a Task Order Solicitation to RAP's Pre-Qualified On-Call As Needed Park Facilities - Land Surveying, Civil Engineering, and Environmental Specialty Studies Consultant Services List to seek consultant support services for Project. The selected consultant team would provide Land Surveying, Civil Engineering, and Environmental Specialty Studies services to RAP. The consultant team would conduct a boundary survey for MacArthur Park; document the existing conditions and historic character and prepare a Secretary of the Interior's Standards Compliance Report; and develop a complete set of construction plans and specifications for the Project. Because MacArthur Park is a City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument, impacts to Cultural Resources under CEQA will need to be closely analyzed.

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Once the final Plans and Specifications for the Project are complete, RAP staff would return to the Board for review and consideration of the Project as well as a plan to perform repair and maintenance of various park elements.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
General Capital	302/89/89270K	\$ 2,300,000	100%
Total		\$ 2,300,000	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

It is unknown at this time if sufficient funding has been identified for the Project.

RAP staff have developed a preliminary timeline for the Project. The Project schedule accounts for the time needed to finalize the Task Order Solicitation and obtain consultant proposals; complete the Boundary Survey, Environmental studies, and construction documents; bid and award the Project; and fabricate and install the proposed fence.

The Project schedule is as follows:

Phase	Duration
Predesign	October 2025 – November 2025
Design	December 2025
Bid and Award	TBD
Construction	TBD
Post-Construction	TBD

TREES AND SHADE

It is unlikely the proposed Project will have any impact on the existing trees and shade at MacArthur Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Board action involves the conceptual approval of the installation of a perimeter fencing at MacArthur Park, which will be subject to the final approval of the Board at a later date; RAP staff will address the implications for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when the Board considers final approval of the proposed perimeter fencing.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of the proposed Project is unknown at this time.

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The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed Project are unknown at this time.

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