



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2019

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: TRAILS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Trails Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive an update and provide feedback on the Trails Master Plan and approve to submit to City Council for approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Trails Master Plan was adopted by the City Council in 1996, and then updated with the Park and Recreation Park Master Plan in 2003.

Since 1996, when the Trails Master Plan was adopted, Riverside's population and built environment have expanded steadily. The City's Trails Master Plan needs to be re-evaluated and revised to ensure that it meets the needs and priorities of the community, that it conforms to guiding plans and policies adopted by the City, and that it is feasible to implement within the current built environment.

As part of their Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has made available a Sustainability Planning Grant to support bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts. Through this grant program, SCAG provided a \$250,000 grant to the City for the collaborative development of a combined Active Transportation Plan and Pedestrian Target Hardening Plan. The City Council accepted the grant award on May 7, 2019 and authorized a local cash match in the amount of \$125,000 from the Active Transportation Plan account (Measure A funds).

SCAG is managing this project and has hired Alta Planning + Design (Consultant) to prepare the Active Transportation Plan (ATP), Pedestrian Target Hardening Plan, and a Complete Streets Ordinance for the City of Riverside. The Consultant was selected through a competitive Request for Proposal process and was awarded a contract by SCAG on June 6, 2019 in the amount of \$374,994 to work directly with the City of Riverside Public Works Department to complete the scope of work.

DISCUSSION:

The Trails Master Plan would benefit from being analyzed and developed in conjunction with the Active Transportation infrastructure network plans, since many of the existing and planned Trails Master Plan routes could also meet the needs of the ATP and vice versa. Though the Trails Master Plan has a recreational foundation and the ATP has a transportation focus, the two plans have a shared goal of providing pedestrian, bike, and in some locations, equestrian routes between key destination points such as parks, open spaces, schools, and retail, commercial and employment centers.

Alta Planning + Design has provided a fee proposal in the amount of \$65,000 to add a Trails Master Plan update as part of their ATP work already under contract with SCAG. Data analysis, community outreach, site assessments, and route network planning and design for the two plans can be performed together, resulting in a cost savings to the City when compared to preparing each of the plans independently. The City will fund this portion of the project and will transfer \$65,000 to SCAG to add the Trails Master Plan Update scope of work to their existing contract with the Consultant.

The Pedestrian Target Safeguarding Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, the Complete Streets Ordinance, and the Trails Master Plan are being prepared together because of their symbiotic relationships and interdependencies. These four areas of study are being combined into a city-wide project called the P.A.C.T. Community outreach for the P.A.C.T. is underway. Locations and dates for outreach are provided in the attachment.

On December 17, 2019, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is requesting City Council authorization to use \$65,000 from the Trails Development Impact Fee account for consultant services to prepare an update to the Trails Master Plan, as a component of the Public Works Department's Active Transportation Plan, Pedestrian Target Safeguarding Plan, and Complete Streets Ordinance project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of the action is \$65,000. An appropriation in this amount will be requested at the December 17, 2019 City Council meeting from the Trail Development Impact Fee, Regional Park Special Capital Improvement (413) fund to the Trails Master Plan Account.

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Attachment: P.A.C.T. and Technical Advisory Committee Information Sheets