



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB
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SUBJECT: CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE WATSONVILLE SLOUGH CONNECTOR
TRAIL PROJECT AT RAMSAY PARK PK-21-01

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

This is a call for bids for construction of civil improvements for an Urban Greening Grant project at Ramsay Park to install pedestrian and bicycle improvements, storm water enhancements, trees and landscaping, and other park infrastructure improvements. Plans and specifications are on file with the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the Resolution Calling for Bids for the construction of the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project at Ramsay Park (No. PK-21-01). The Engineer's Estimate for the project is \$2,384,190. Funds for the project are allocated from the Special Grants Fund, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund, Cannabis Measure M Fund, Park Development Fund, and General Fund.

DISCUSSION:

In 2019, the Watsonville Parks & Community Services Department was awarded an Urban Greening Grant from the California Natural Resources Agency for the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project at Ramsay Park to build and improve pedestrian facilities, non-vehicular commuter routes, and trees and landscaping within the park. The design of the project was developed through 2020-2021 and Construction Plans and Specs recently completed.

The project is designed to maximize community use through active transportation and recreational trails in the park that connect to Main Street, Harkins Slough Road, park amenities, the Watsonville Slough Trail System, the Target Overlook Shopping Center, and surrounding destinations. The project will also improve the environmental character of the park through the installation of green infrastructure such as permeable trails, stormwater capture gardens, trees, and landscaping while also providing essential environmental benefits to the region as a whole through carbon sequestration, air pollution reduction, stormwater retention, and habitat enhancement.

This project is consistent with past planning efforts such as the Ramsay Park Master Plan (2019), Parks & Community Services Strategic Plan (2020), Complete Streets Plan-Safe Routes to Schools (2020), Climate Action Plan Update (2018), and Urban Greening Plan (2012) that recommend improved park accessibility, trail connectivity, urban forest resources, green infrastructure, biodiversity, reductions in Greenhouse Gas Emissions, safe routes to schools, and major recreational amenity updates to Ramsay Park.

This project implements aspects of the Ramsay Park Master Plan by providing pedestrian infrastructure to support park amenity upgrades (both recently completed and planned) such as the Ramsay Bicycle Pump Track, Soccer Field renovation, Playground renovation, Dog Park, and Nature Center expansion. It will also significantly expand ADA access, pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and address deferred maintenance of aging infrastructure and amenities such as resurfacing of existing parking lots, basketball/volleyball courts, trails, and misc. drainage areas.

Specific project elements include:

- Creation of approx. .4 miles of Class IV bike lane on Harkins Slough Rd. and .49 miles of ADA-accessible pedestrian facilities within Ramsay Park
- 976 linear feet of split-rail wood fencing along Harkins Slough Rd.
- 16,542 square feet of sidewalk and trail improvements
- 9 ADA ramps/ sloped ramps
- 2 crosswalks
- 4 advanced warning crossing signs
- 583 linear feet of bike lane buffer curbs
- 1,850 square feet of bike lane striping on Harkins Slough Rd.
- 4 rain gardens
- 13 sunken tree wells
- 1 wetland overlook platform
- Invasive plant removal, tree pruning, a riparian habitat restoration of approximately 1.3 acres adjacent to the Watsonville Slough trail in Ramsay Park
- Installation of 150 15-gallon trees, 1300 1-gallon and 5-gallon drought tolerant or CA native plants, and 300 cubic yards of soil and mulch
- 30 wayfinding signs
- 3 interpretative signs
- 1 project sign/ funding acknowledgement sign

The bid package associated with this Call for Bids is for the civil improvements associated with Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project at Ramsay Park such as demolition of existing hardscape, concrete and asphalt paving, retaining walls, ADA improvements, permeable surfacing, fencing, earthwork, grading, drainage, signage, irrigation and planting infrastructure, and site furnishings.

The Parks & Community Services Department anticipates further coordination and agreements with the Public Works & Utilities Department, local partners, and landscaping contractors to accomplish bicycle lane striping, landscaping, and riparian habitat enhancement in the near future. Construction of all improvements is planned to occur from

late Summer 2021 to early Spring 2022. The total project cost is estimated at \$3,139,828, which includes City match.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This recommendation is consistent with a number of Council Strategic Goals such as 02-Fiscal Health, for leveraging state and local grant funds for the project; 03-Infrastructure & Environment, for replacing aging park infrastructure and improving the environment; 05-Community Engagement & Well-Being, for enhancing recreational and exercise opportunities; and 06-Public Safety for improving bicycle and pedestrian safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Engineer's Estimate for this Call for Bids is \$2,384,190. The breakdown of funding sources is as follows:

- \$751,190 (337) Urban Greening / Special Grants Fund
- \$200,000 (205) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Federal Fund
- \$95,000 (291) Cannabis Measure M Fund
- \$150,000 (281) Park Development Fund
- \$1,188,000 (150) General Fund

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The City Council may choose not to call for bids. Project bidding would be delayed and construction may not meet the grant deadlines.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.