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City Council Report
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Title: Amendment to Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project to Include the Cervantes Park Expansion

Location: Freeport Boulevard at Cervantes Park, District 4

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution 1) approving the 30% plan for the Cervantes Park Expansion; 2) approving the Categorical Exemption for the Cervantes Park Expansion; and 3) appropriating $125,000 (Fund 3204) to the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100).

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Presenter: None

Department: Public Works Department

Division: Engineering Services Admin

Dept ID: 15001111

Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Gerald Hicks
8/7/2014 4:01:25 PM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Jerry Way - 8/4/2014 7:33:56 AM

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Description/Analysis

Issue: The Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100) will improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles along Freeport Boulevard between Vallejo Way and Sutterville Road. Along with the Freeport Bike Lanes Project, there is an opportunity to further improve pedestrian safety by removing the unused paved frontage road along the west side of Cervantes Park and expanding the park to the west. The proposed Cervantes Park improvements were not included in the scope of the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100) and approval of the appropriation of Park Development Fee funds in the amount of $125,000 (Fund 3204) to the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100) and a categorical exemption from CEQA are necessary to proceed. The Environmental Planning Services Manager has determined that the Cervantes Park expansion is exempt from CEQA.

Policy Considerations: None.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The Environmental Planning Services Manager has determined that the proposed improvements are exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). The improvements would replace right of way with parkland to increase park square footage, add crosswalks and extend a bike lane along Freeport Boulevard. Section 15304 provides an exemption for minor public alterations of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project does not include tree removal.

The City intends to use the same contractor that is constructing improvements on Freeport Boulevard, a separate project, to achieve cost savings. There are no unusual circumstances that would result in a significant effect on the environment. Any cumulative impacts have been addressed in the Master EIR for the Freeport Boulevard Bikes Lanes Project.

Sustainability Considerations: This project is consistent with Sustainability Master Plan goals of enhancing the pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way, reducing dependence on the private automobile, and to encouraging pedestrian trips.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The crosswalk on the west side of Cervantes Park connecting 10th and 11th Avenue can be significantly shortened by expanding the park to the west. The Cervantes Park expansion will shorten the existing crosswalk and provide more green space making a more neighborhood friendly crosswalk. The improvements are eligible expenses for Park Development Fee funds. The

appropriation of these funds and CEQA categorical exemption are necessary to proceed with the project.

Financial Considerations: Approval of the appropriation of $125,000 (Fund 3204) from the Park Development Fee Fund to the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100) will provide sufficient funds to construct the Cervantes Park expansion. All other items in the Freeport Boulevard Bikes Lanes Project (K15125100) remain unchanged.

As of June 30, 2014, the Park Development Fee Fund has a fund balance of $3,572,267, which is sufficient to complete the transfer in the amount of $125,000 to the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100).

There are no General Funds planned or allocated to this project.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): None, since no goods or services are being procured with this action.

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Attachment 1

Background

The Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100) was approved by the City Council on November 8, 2012. As part of this project there is an opportunity to include improvements to Cervantes Park which would provide a better pedestrian crossing and additional landscaping. The expansion of Cervantes Park to the west will remove the paved frontage road on the west side of the park which is not needed, shorten the existing block-long crosswalk between 10th and 11th Avenue at Freeport Boulevard, and create a more neighborhood friendly environment.

While these improvements fit within the purpose and need of the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100) description, the Cervantes Park improvements were not included in the original project. This recommended action will appropriate the funds for the Cervantes Park Expansion improvements and approve a categorical exemption from CEQA for the park improvements. The Cervantes Park Expansion Improvements are eligible expenses for Park Development Fee funds. As part of the design process staff will complete the abandonment of the right of way necessary for the park improvements. The Environmental Planning Services Manager has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15304.

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

AMENDMENT OF THE FREEPORT BOULEVARD BIKE LANES PROJECT (K15125100) TO INCLUDE CERVANTES PARK EXPANSION IMPROVEMENTS, APPROVAL OF THE 30% PLANS AND THE CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR CERVANTES PARK EXPANSION, AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

BACKGROUND

A. The Cervantes Park Expansion will improve the park and the walkability of Freeport Boulevard along Cervantes Park between 11th Avenue and 10th Avenue by expanding the existing park to the west. The park improvements will be constructed as part of the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lane Project. The Cervantes Park Expansion Improvements are eligible expenses for the Park Development Fee. As part of the design process staff will complete the abandonment of the right of way necessary for the park improvements.

B. The Cervantes Park Expansion improvement was not included in the original budget and environmental approval of the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100) and the appropriation of funds and approval of the categorical exemption are necessary. The Environmental Planning Services Manager has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15304.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The FY14/15 Capital Improvement Program budget is amended by appropriating $125,000 from the Park Development Fee Fund (Fund 3204) to the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lanes Project (K15125100).

Section 2. The Cervantes Park Expansion 30% plan is approved.

Section 3. The Categorical Exemption for the Cervantes Park Expansion is approved.

Section 4. Exhibits A and B are hereby incorporated into and are a part of this Resolution.

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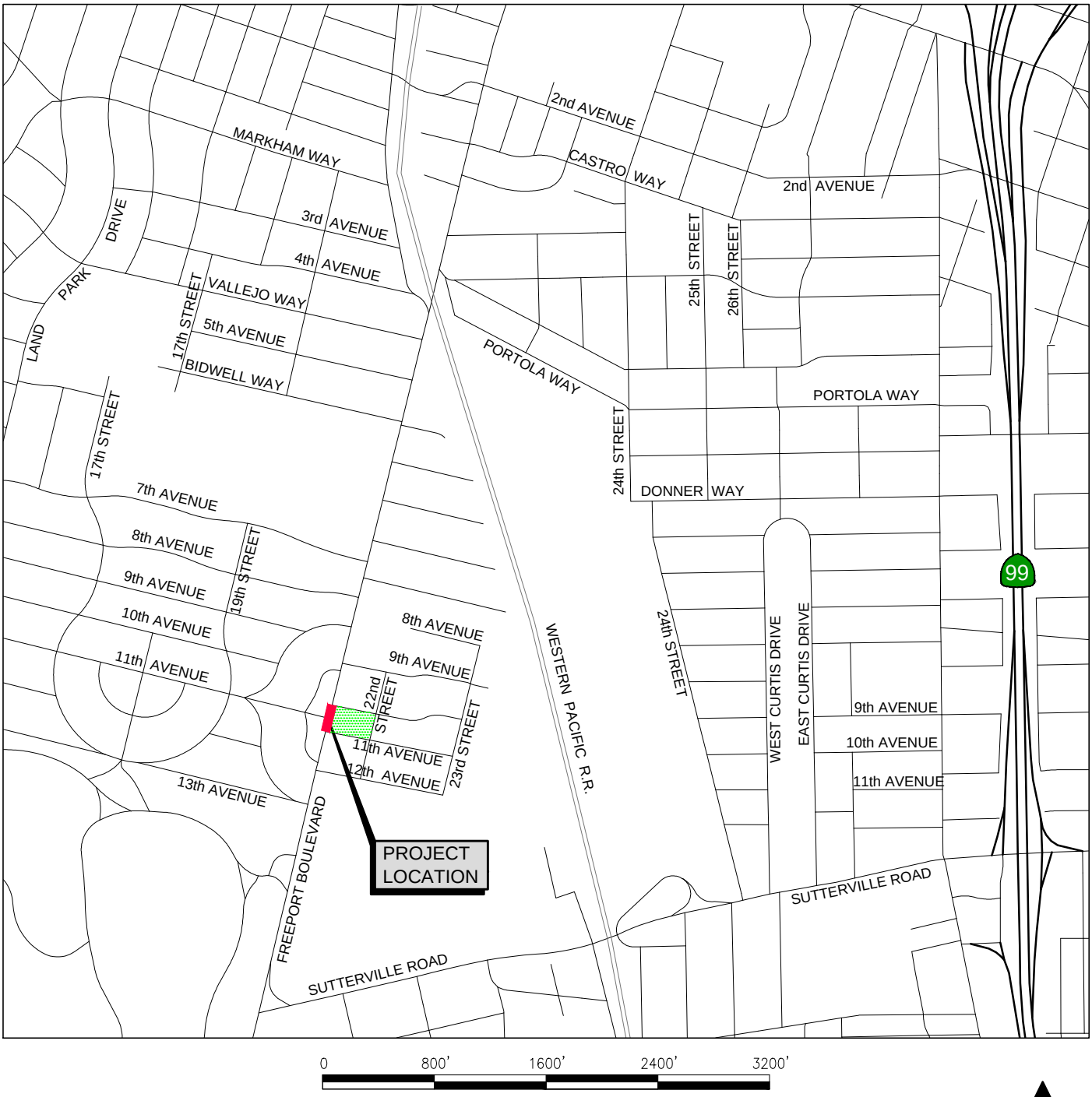
EXHIBIT A

Location Map For:

CERVANTES PARK EXPANSION PROJECT



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