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SUBJECT: MACARTHUR PARK IMPROVEMENTS - CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA (W.O. #E170207F) AND LIGHTING (W.O. #E170473F) – FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

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[Signature]
General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve final plans and specifications for the MacArthur Park Improvements - Children's Play Area (W.O. #E170207F) and Lighting (W.O. #E170473F) projects; and,
2. Approve the date to be advertised for receipt of bids as Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 3:00 P.M. in the Board Office.

SUMMARY:

The MacArthur Park project consists of two (2) separate projects, one a Proposition K Competitive and the other a Proposition K Specified project. They have been combined into one to achieve cost savings by designing and constructing both projects simultaneously under one construction contract. The Proposition K Competitive (4th Cycle) project includes the installation of new security lighting. The Proposition K Specified project includes the construction of a children's play area that includes a synthetic turf meadow and equipment. The projects specifics are more fully described below.

Staff has determined that the proposed projects may have a potentially significant impact on the environment and, therefore, is currently in the final stages of processing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The public review period for the draft EIR closed on April 16, 2008. The final EIR, including the responses to all comments received during the public review period, will

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be ready for consideration and certification by the time the construction bids have been received and reviewed, and prior to award of a contract to the successful bidder, in compliance with CEQA. Prior to this Board's consideration of the final EIR, no physical construction or project-related activities will occur at the proposed site within the park.

Submitted are final plans and specifications for the MacArthur Park Improvements - Children's Play Area (W.O. #E170207F) and Lighting (#E170473F) project, located at 2230 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles, California, 90057. The project would be funded with Proposition K funds. The project is estimated to be completed approximately 9 months after the bid date. Plans for this project were prepared by the Bureau of Engineering's Architectural Division. Their estimate for the construction cost of this project is \$2,200,000. The following is a general list of the construction and improvements proposed to be made to the park.

1. Replacement of an existing dirt field with new synthetic turf, including grading, soil preparation, soil isolation fabric, underlayment materials, and sub-base perimeter drainage system.
2. Installation of new irrigation system (to replace existing, as necessary).
3. Installation of new seating - benches and seatwalls.
4. Installation of new walkways and stairs.
5. *Installation of new landscaping.*
6. Installation of new children's play area and equipment.
7. Installation of a new drinking fountain.
8. Lighting improvements.

The following improvements will be included in the bid as deductive/additive alternate(s) in order to gain flexibility in providing the maximum scope possible with the available funding:

Deductive Alternate No. 1 – Five (5) Trash Receptacles and Exercise Equipment

Deductive Alternate No. 2 – Stabilized Natural Paving

Additive Alternate No. 1 – 100% EcoFill Star by Mondo USA or approved equal

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Funds for construction are available for the proposed improvements in the following fund/accounts:

FUNDING SOURCE FUND/DEPT NO./ACCT NO.

MacArthur Park Improvements - Children's Play Area (W.O. #E170207F)

Proposition K Year 09	43K/10/Y579
Proposition K Year 10	43K/10/A579
Proposition K Year 11	43K/10/C579
Proposition K Year 12	TBD

MacArthur Park – Lighting (W.O. #E170473F)

Prop. K Year 11	43K/10/C302
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The bid package has been approved by the City Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund as the projects would be funded from Proposition K which is a special assessment. Future operations and maintenance costs have not yet been determined at this time.

This report was prepared by Marcelo Martinez, Project Manager. Reviewed by Neil Drucker, Program Manager, Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program, Bureau of Engineering; Deborah Weintraub, Acting Chief Deputy City Engineer, Bureau of Engineering; and by Michael A. Shull, Superintendent, Planning and Development Division, Department of Recreation and Parks.