



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Plans and Specification for the Brand Park Motorway Improvements Project

- 1) Resolution adopting the Plans and Specification for the Brand Park Motorway Improvements Project, Specification No. 3940, Plan No. 1-3111; and directing the City Clerk to advertise for bids.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for December 13, 2022 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The plans and specification have been completed for the Brand Park Motorway Improvements Project. Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council to adopt the project plans and specification and authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Infrastructure: This project will significantly improve the condition of Brand Park Motorway and allow the trail to be reopened for access.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve a resolution adopting the Plans and Specification for the Brand Park Motorway Improvements Project, and direct the City Clerk to advertise for bids

BACKGROUND

The Brand Park Motorway is a 7.2-mile out-and-back trail located behind Brand Park. The trail is considered a moderately challenging route and takes an average of four hours to complete with an approximate 2000-foot elevation gain. It is a very popular area for hiking, mountain biking, and running and is open year-round. During springtime, the trail is used for the annual Verdugo Mountains 10K Trail Run and Hike. The trail is also used to access electrical power lines for maintenance.

In early 2022, a section of the Motorway trail experienced rockfalls, which resulted in the cancellation of the event. Therefore, the trail was closed off until the rockfall concern could be resolved. Subsequently, staff hired an on-call geotechnical and materials testing consultant to study the area of concern and develop recommendations for implementation of mitigation measures to protect the trail users from rockfalls and shallow landslides within the area of concern, including plans and specifications for construction ready documents.

The portion of motorway trail evaluated for the preparation of plans and specifications is located on the western flank of the Verdugo Mountains that are oriented in a northwest to southeast directions. The rockfall hazards addressed are located approximately 1.6 miles from the base of Brand Canyon (Brand Park), in three separate areas of the motorway which are along a continuous length of trail of approximately 425 linear feet. The portion of the motorway trail addressed in the plans and specifications sits at approximate elevations ranging from 1680 to 1740 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

The scope of work includes the clean-up and removal of existing rockfall debris and scaling of hillside slopes in affected area; and the installation of high-strength steel mesh system anchored to the slope face.

ANALYSIS

To ensure competitive bids, the city will advertise the project on multiple plan holders' web sites who publish project bidding documents and distribute the information to their extensive network of consultant, contractor, and construction industry contacts.

The project will also be advertised in a local newspaper, the Glendale Independent, prior to bid opening, as well as on ebidboard, which is a web enabled data service to the public sector, for the dissemination of the building and construction project bids to their large number of member contractors and consultants.

Finally, the project bidding documents will also be posted on the City's website.

The construction of this project is anticipated to begin in April 2023 and is scheduled for completion by May 2023.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

The Brand Park Motorway Improvements Project benefits to the community will include the following:

- Improved safety for all users; and,
- Improved accessibility and walkability throughout the Brand Park Motorway trail.

Furthermore, outreach on this project will occur through a dedicated website for the project. The website page introduces the public to the project and to the project team, explains the scope of work and project locations, highlights the project phase, and provides the public with Staff contact information for questions, discussion and/or input.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report at this time. However, the engineer's estimate for the construction of this project is between \$1,200,000 and \$1,400,000 and will be funded by the Capital Improvement Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

The Project is categorically exempt from environmental review because of CEQA Guidelines §§ 15301.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

Not Applicable

ALTERNATIVES

- Alternative 1: Adopt the Plans and Specification for the Brand Park Motorway Improvements Project and direct the City Clerk to advertise for bids.
- Alternative 2: Do not adopt the Brand Park Motorway Improvements Project. Doing so, however, will not improve the condition of this road, impacting its reliability for general use.
- Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit 1: Project Location Map