

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT and GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the preliminary review and environmental due diligence process for the acquisition of various California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) properties for park purposes.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to initiate the preliminary review and due diligence process for the possible acquisition of several Caltrans properties located throughout the City of Los Angeles, totaling approximately 422,967.6 square feet or 9.71 acres in size (Properties), as detailed in the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) report dated April 16, 2026, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that acquisition of the Properties will not require additional funding to maintain the continued use of these park sites currently under lease to the City. However, additional funding is necessary for all pre-acquisition and acquisition costs, including security fencing, security cameras, surveys, title reports, environmental assessments and remediation costs, and any other action necessary to determine if the Properties are potential sites for acquisition and suitable for continued park use. Funding will be determined for each of the Properties as they become available, including all related costs. It is anticipated that acquisition costs will be substantial and therefore grant funding will be necessary to offset City's costs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on June 23, 2026, the Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment (APLCE) Committee considered the Board report, dated April 16, 2026, relative to authorizing the RAP to initiate the preliminary review and due diligence process for the potential acquisition of Caltrans Properties consisting of freeway remnant parcels currently leased by the RAP. The RAP has expressed interest in acquiring the leased Properties to be disposed by Caltrans for continued use for park purposes, pending due diligence assessment work, any necessary environmental and title due diligence, and funding to conduct pre-acquisition activities and for the potential acquisitions. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the APLCE Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Board report, as detailed above.

Subsequently, on August 4, 2026, the Government Committee also considered this matter. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Government Operations Committee moved to concur with the APLCE Committee's action of June 23, 2026, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
JURADO:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
NAZARIAN:	ABSENT

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PADILLA:	YES
LEE:	YES
JURADO:	YES

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