

MOTION

The Encino Franklin Fields, located within the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area, is one of the San Fernando Valley's premier recreational facilities, serving thousands of youth athletes, families, schools, and community organizations each year through organized sports leagues, tournaments, and other recreational programming. The complex hosts regional athletic events that attract participants and visitors from across Los Angeles, making reliable and safe public access essential to the continued operation of the facility. Franklin Fields and the vehicle bridge are directly leased from the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the City has easement(s) for storm drain purposes over a portion of the area leased to Franklin Fields.

In late 2025, the vehicular bridge providing primary access to the Franklin Fields parking area sustained significant structural damage as a result of a fire, requiring the bridge to be closed indefinitely for public safety. Since the closure, visitors have been forced to park along surrounding streets and unpaved shoulders, creating traffic congestion, unsafe pedestrian conditions, reduced accessibility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, and increased concerns regarding emergency vehicle access during athletic events and periods of high attendance.

The prolonged loss of vehicular access has disrupted recreational programming, diminished public access to a major City recreational asset, and created ongoing operational challenges for park users and City departments. While a permanent bridge replacement will require additional time and funding, the Bureau of Engineering has identified the installation of a temporary bridge as the most effective interim solution to safely restore access while long-term improvements are pursued.

Because the temporary bridge is critical to restoring safe public access and supporting the continued operation of Franklin Fields, it is in the City's interest to immediately identify and transfer funding to the Bureau of Engineering so that design, procurement, and construction activities can begin without further delay.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Controller be INSTRUCTED to transfer \$290,000 within the Engineering Special Services Fund No. 682 Department No. 50, Revenue Source Code No. 4903, to a new account entitled Franklin Fields Bridge Repair for the Bureau of Engineering to complete the temporary repair of the Franklin Fields Bridge in Council District 6.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Engineering, Department of Recreation & Parks, and any other relevant City agency be INSTRUCTED to provide expedited review and permitting for the immediate installation of the temporary repair of the Franklin Fields Bridge.

I FURTHER MOVE to AUTHORIZE the City Engineer, or designee, to make any necessary technical and/or accounting adjustments to the recommendations above to effectuate the intent of the City Council action.

PRESENTED BY:


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Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY:



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