



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
FROM: Daniel Gho, Public Works Superintendent
MEETING DATE: August 6, 2014
SUBJECT: Conceptual design and grant application for a coastal access project
CEQA: Does not constitute a "Project" under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the conceptual designs for the coastal access project at the corner of Grand Avenue and Ocean View, and authorize the City Manager to prepare and submit a grant application from the Monterey Peninsula Parks District for an amount of \$25,000.

DISCUSSION

Since 2013, the City of Pacific Grove, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) have been working together to promote downtown Pacific Grove. The City held two study sessions, one at the Museum of Natural History and the second at City Hall, on improving downtown economy through increased foot traffic. Both of these sessions were facilitated by economic development expert, Bob Sadler.

The BID reviewed several options that transpired from the two study sessions, and determined that it is crucial to the vitality of downtown to increase foot traffic. Based on these activities, all of those involved agreed that attracting visitors from the recreation trail is the most logical and affordable action to take now. Bob Sadler proposed that Grand Avenue is the best route between the trail and downtown. The street is wide, with minimal slope and beautiful homes on both sides.

Last February, the Chamber coordinated a series of meetings at the trail to review all access options from the trail to downtown. The meetings were attended by an architect, contractor, city officials, retailers, professionals, and members of the BID board. The group inspected Fountain, Forest, and Grand avenues. Grand Avenue was selected by all members of the group. They all agreed with Bob Sadler's assessment. The BID approved allocating \$1,500 from the 2013-2014 budget as seed money to pay for designing a ramp to provide the access from the trail to Grand Avenue. The design would allow for wheelchair access to the trail, not now available at Fountain and Forest avenues, which also exceed the allowable slope. The project will also include ADA compliant curb ramps on Grand Avenue, way-finding signage, and potentially a bicycle lane on Grand Avenue. The City has been communicating the intentions of this project with the California Coastal Commission and will submit an application or seek a waiver.

FISCAL IMPACT

Creating a public-private partnership is essential to funding the Coastal Access Project. The City and Chamber will seek grants from various sources that support accessibility. The Chamber

administers the BID and will propose an increase in assessments in 2015-2016 to partially fund the project. The impact on the City's budget is currently unknown. The City can jump start the project by applying for a \$25,000 grant from the Peninsula Regional Parks District.

ATTACHMENT

1. Conceptual Design of Ramp at Grand and Ocean View

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

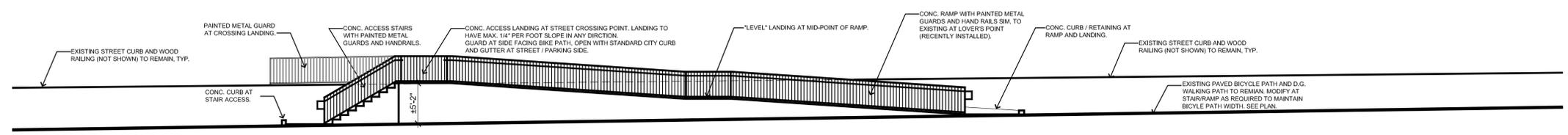


Daniel Gho
Public Works Superintendent

REVIEWED BY:



Thomas Frutchey
City Manager



RAMP / STAIR ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"



PLAN: OCEAN VIEW BLVD. @ GRAND AVE.
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"



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