
**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: January 27, 2010

TO: Honorable Members of the Information Technology
and Government Affairs Committee

FROM: Gerry F. Miller *G. Miller for* Council File No.: 10-0002-S4
Chief Legislative Analyst Assignment No.: 10-01-0093

SUBJECT: Resolution to SPONSOR and/or SUPPORT Legislation and/or Administrative
Action to Provide Funding to Extend the Marvin Braude Bike Path from Temescal
Canyon Beach Parking Lot to Coastline Drive

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt attached Resolution (Rosendahl - Koretz) to include in the
City's 2009-2010 Federal Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT for legislation
and/or administrative action to provide funding to extend the Marvin Braude Bike Path from
Temescal Canyon Beach Parking Lot to Coastline Drive.

SUMMARY

The attached Resolution (Rosendahl - Koretz) introduced on January 22, 2010, states that the
Marvin Braude Bike Path (Bike Path) is a 19-mile scenic route that passes through Yvonne B.
Burke Park in Marina del Rey and along the south side of the Marina del Rey channel. The
Resolution further states that significant funding is needed to extend the Bike Path from the
Temescal Canyon Beach Parking Lot to Coastline Drive to provide a breathtaking view of the
ocean and to avoid having bicyclists riding in unsafe conditions on Pacific Coast Highway. The
Resolution therefore recommends that the City SPONSOR and/or SUPPORT legislation and/or
administrative action to provide funding to extend the Marvin Braude Bike Path from Temescal
Canyon Beach Parking Lot to Coastline Drive.

BACKGROUND

The Marvin Braude Bike Path (Bike Path) is a 19-mile bike route starting at Will Rogers Beach,
and ending in the City of Torrance. The Bike Path passes through Yvonne B. Burke Park in
Marina del Rey and along the south side of the Marina del Rey channel. The Bike Path is named
after former Los Angeles City Councilmember Marvin Braude.

Efforts have been made to extend the Bike Path two miles from its current terminus at Temescal
Canyon Road to the City's western boundary at Coastline Drive. In 1993, the City secured
\$740,000 from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Call for
Projects. Utilizing these funds, the City's Bureau of Engineering (BOE) completed a design of
the proposed extension.

In 1995, the City requested construction funding in the amount of \$5,232,000 from MTA's Call
for Projects. However, MTA rejected this request stating that the proposed extension was
recreational rather than transportation-related and not eligible for federal transportation funding.

In 2008, Senator Sheila Kuehl's Office convened a meeting with a number of agencies, including Assemblymember Fran Palvey, State Parks, Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors, members of the public and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Bikeways staff. A number of issues were discussed including the need to gain approvals for the Bike Path extension from the Coastal Commission and State Parks (owner of the property), and the need to environmentally clear the project. A project overview and history was provided by LADOT. LADOT committed to meeting with the Bureau of Engineering to secure new cost estimates for the project.

Subsequently, BOE evaluated the proposed extension and provided a cost estimate. BOE reported that due to the nature of the project, which requires the design to provide an elevated structure through the beach corridor, the project cost is estimated to be \$30,000,000.

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)
Bureau of Engineering (BOE)



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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Marvin Braude Beach Bike Path runs approximately 19 miles along the beach and ends at Potrero Canyon and continues as an asphalt path toward the Bel Air Bay Club; and

WHEREAS, the Bike Path is a scenic route that passes through Yvonne B. Burke Park in Marina del Rey and along the south side of the Marina del Rey channel and the facility is part of California's Legacy Millennium Trail; and

WHEREAS, significant funding is needed to extend the Bike Path from the Temescal Canyon Beach parking lot to Coastline Drive to provide a breathtaking view of the ocean and allow bicyclists to avoid riding on Pacific Coast Highway;

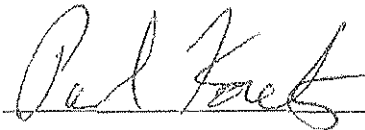
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2009-2010 Federal Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT for legislation or administrative action to provide funding to extend the Marvin Braude Bike Path from the Temescal Canyon Beach parking lot to Coastline Drive.

PRESENTED BY:



BILL ROSENDAHL
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