

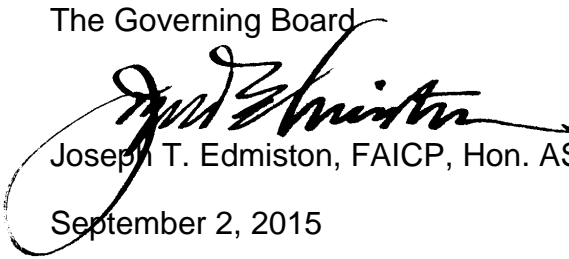


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: September 2, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) entering into a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation regarding Getty View Trailhead reimbursement and Interstate 405 Sepulveda Pass project, and (b) acceptance of payments, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing: (a) entering into a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation regarding Getty View Trailhead reimbursement and Interstate 405 Sepulveda Pass project, and (b) acceptance of payments.

Background: The recent major upgrades to the 405 Freeway in the Sepulveda Pass required the loss of the Gettyview Trailhead along Sepulveda Boulevard and degradation of the Skirball Center Trailhead on the east side of the Skirball freeway bridge. Both facilities were on Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy land and were operated by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The Conservancy staff worked with Caltrans on a compensation package totaling \$359,000. In addition some trail repair work was done at the Skirball trail origin.

Because of Federal 4(f) requirements, Caltrans required that the funding be directed to a specific park site where similar recreational resources could be developed. Los Angeles County's Mission Canyon property fit the bill perfectly. In the attached letter, the Conservancy petitioned Caltrans to make Mission Canyon the designated site and to have the funding go the MRCA. Caltrans has since agreed and provided a Cooperative Agreement for the MRCA to sign to implement the transfer of funds. The proposed action authorizes entering into that agreement and accepting the funding.

The attached letter from the Conservancy also provides background on the status of the Mission Canyon project. Since that time the MRCA has received specific funding from the County for the project and is moving forward with a design plans.