MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: March 22, 2017

SUBJECT: Agenda Item V: Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support to the City of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles River North Atwater Multimodal Bridge project.

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a letter of support to the City of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles River North Atwater Multimodal Bridge project.

Background: The MRCA and the Conservancy have been asked to write letters of support to the City of Los Angeles (City) to urge them to provide the remaining funding needed to construct the Los Angeles River North Atwater Multimodal Bridge project. The project will provide a new bridge in Atwater Village that will serve pedestrians, equestrians and bicyclists equally. This project will provide a safe, convenient connection from park poor residential communities on the east side of the River to the existing bike path and other recreational opportunities such as Griffith Park and the network of Los Angeles River pocket parks and greenways.

Please refer to the attached letter for additional information describing the nature of the request for City funding.