

Date: August 16, 2021

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager *TM*

From: Brent Dennis, Director Parks, Recreation and Marine *BD*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Update on Feasibility of ADA Beach Access Pilot Program**

On July 13, 2021, City Council directed the City Manager to work with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) to research the feasibility of installing a pilot ADA beach access mat at the Granada Beach Launch Ramp and include opportunities to install in other beach and park locations.

In addition to the pilot location at the Granada Beach site, staff have identified Alamitos Beach, Mother's Beach, Bayshore Beach, and Junipero Beach as potential locations for the installation of beach access mats. PRM has been in discussions with the Citywide ADA/Title VI Coordinator to assess community expectations and ensure that proposed locations and selected product comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Representatives from AccessRec®, LLC, and Mobi-mat® met with staff on July 29 and July 30, 2021, to determine the feasibility of the proposed locations, evaluate potential layouts at each location, obtain pricing, discuss the required anchoring system, and identify protocols for ensuring that daily beach raking and sanitizing in the areas continues. Both vendors indicated that they needed additional time to submit a proposal after the onsite meeting.

Staff have been in contact with the California Coastal Commission (CCC) regarding the placement of these mats along our beaches, specifically the pilot program. The City will be required to submit an amendment to CCC Permit #5-17-0795 for the remodeling of the Granada beach concession building to include the placement of the ADA beach access mat. In addition, the City will need to provide information regarding community input and feedback to the Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities (CACoD) and the Marine Advisory Commission (MAC). CACoD and MAC meet on the second Thursday of every month and their next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2021.

To have ample time to engage the community, review and compare vendor the proposals, develop aerials identifying all potential locations beyond the pilot area, PRM is requesting an additional 30-45 days to complete the report. Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 570-3170.

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