Date: November 30, 2021

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

From: Brent Dennis, Director Parks, Recreation and Marine

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Update on Feasibility of ADA Beach Access Pilot Program

On July 13, 2021, the 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 (Granada) and explore opportunities to install mats in other beach and park locations. An update was provided on August 16, 2021, which included information available at the time and requested additional time to engage the community, review and compare vendor proposals, and develop aerials of potential beach locations.

Based on information provided by the vendors, discussions and site visits with local jurisdictions regarding the products, and our ability to ensure daily beach raking and sanitizing, staff is recommending the AccessMat® for use at the Granada location during the Pilot Program. These mats are ADA-compliant and made of 100 percent recycled material. The non-slip neoprene material is designed for wheeled pedestrian assistance vehicles such as wheelchairs, beach access chairs, walkers, and strollers. Both the anchoring system and the mats can withstand the weight of utility vehicle traffic. AccessMat® is offered in blue, which makes it easier for the community to identify as an accessible path and offers a secondary benefit for the visually impaired. Maintenance is minimal and can be accomplished with a blower or broom. This product also comes with a five-year limited warranty compared to a one-year limited warranty. The cost to install the mat at the Granada location is $10,467.00.

In addition to the Granada location, staff also identified Mother’s Beach and Alamitos Beach as sites for future mat installations based on their proximity to existing concrete access paths as well as the high level of public activation of the beach and the waterfront of the locations. Installation of the Mother’s Beach and Alamitos Beach mats are estimated at $8,511 and $26,818, respectively. Schematic designs for each location are attached. Manufacturing, delivery, and installation will take between four to six weeks. The total estimated cost of installation of the three mats is $45,796 and have been approved as part of the FY 22 budget.

To install the mats, there must be an amendment to the existing California Coastal Commission (CCC) permit for each location. PRM staff have been working with Tidelands Capital Improvement Program (Tidelands) staff to address the CCC requirements. Tidelands has submitted an amendment to CCC Permit #5-17-0795 to include the placement of the ADA beach access mat at the Granada location. An amendment to CCC Permit #5-17-1037 to include placement of the ADA beach access mat at Alamitos Beach has also been submitted. The CCC has identified the need for community support to amend the permit. The Citizens Memorandum
Advisory Commission on Disabilities and the Marine Advisory Commission have received documented community support that will be provided to the CCC. It is anticipated that the permit amendments will be placed on the February 2022 CCC agenda. A Local Coastal Development permit application for the Mother’s Beach location will be submitted by the end of this calendar year.

The anticipated timeline to install these beach mats is as follows:

- October 2021 – CCC Permit Amendment Submission
- November to January 2021 – CCC Review
- February 2022 – CCC Hearing and Approval
- March to April 2022 – Manufacture/Ship
- Late April or Early May 2022 – Installation

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

ATTACHMENT

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DEPARTMENT HEADS
Granada Beach Launch Ramp location - $10,467.00
Mother's Beach location - $8,511.00
ATTACHMENT A
FEASIBILITY OF ADA BEACH ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM

Alamitos Beach location - $26,818.00