

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

THROUGH: Indra Winqest, District General Manager
Brad Underwood, Director of Public Works

FROM: Bree Waters, District Project Manager

SUBJECT: Review, Discuss and Possibly Approve an Increase to the Project Budget for the Skate Park Enhancement Project (CIP #4378BD2202) in an amount determined by the Board and currently estimated not to exceed \$500,000 (Requesting Staff Member: Director of Public Works Brad Underwood)

**RELATED STRATEGIC
PLAN BUDGET
INITIATIVE(S):**

LONG RANGE PRINCIPLE #1 - SERVICE

The District will provide superior quality service through responsible stewardship of District resources and assets with an emphasis on the parcel owner and customer experience.

Long Term Initiative #6 - Execute the short and long term strategy as they relate to various district venue and facility master plans and studies as the roadmap for the future.

LONG RANGE PRINCIPLE #5 – ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The District will practice perpetual asset renewal, replacement and improvement to provide safe and superior long term utility services and recreation venues, facilities, and services.

Long Term Initiative #2 - Continue to implement top priorities identified in the Community Service Master Plan priorities as defined by the Board of Trustees.

Budget Initiatives D - Allocate capital expenditures to maintain services and facilities.

**RELATED DISTRICT
POLICIES, PRACTICES,
RESOLUTIONS OR
ORDINANCES**

Capital Planning Multi-
Year Capital Planning Policy 12.1.0; Capital
Planning Capital Project Budgeting Policy 13.1.0

DATE: May 25, 2023

I. RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Trustees make a motion to possibly approve funding for the Skate Park Enhancement Project (CIP #4378BD2202) in an amount determined by the Board and currently estimated not to exceed \$500,000.

II. BACKGROUND

In April 2000, the Board took action to move forward with the design of the Incline Skate Park. The community came together and in 2001, Incline Skate Park was built. The primary purpose for the District to pursue the construction of the Incline Skate Park was to get local skateboarders off the streets, sidewalks, parking lots and other public and private spaces, where skateboarding is dangerous to skateboarders and the public. The skate park also provided positive opportunities for skaters to have fun and improve their skills in a safe environment.

For over twenty years, the skate park has been a popular destination for skateboarders of all ages and skill levels; however, the skate park no longer meets the needs of the skateboarders and the community. Over time, the skate park has deteriorated and renovations are needed for the poor condition of the cracked concrete, rusted metal, and damaged equipment. These poor conditions along with the size of the skate park, in relation to the number of users, pose a safety risk to the users of the skate park. The Incline Skate Park, in relation to the surrounding area skate parks, is the smallest and, in addition, the existing skate park is limited, with very few beginner features and does not provide enough space or variety for skateboarders to practice and develop their skills. The Incline Skate Park is one of the community's most used facilities, with camps in high demand that sell out days after opening.

The Community Services Master Plan (CSMP), updated in 2019, includes Top Tier and Second Tier Recommendations (Pages 132-139). A Second Tier Recommendation is the Skate Park Enhancement Project. The CSMP states, "The skatepark has the potential to provide a better range of structures to meet both beginner and experienced user needs. The current design is focused more towards experienced users, which reduces overall use." The CSMP also states, "The skatepark is adequate but is not designed for multiple age groups/ability levels. Incorporating a variety of elements for both beginners, young skaters and experienced skaters will enhance the facility. These enhancements have community support and could greatly increase the use of community resources."

The CSMP also states that the expansion and additional features and amenities had an estimated cost of \$500,000 - \$1,000,000 in 2018 dollars.

The Board Priority projects were discussed at the Jan. 12, 2022 Board Meeting and the Skatepark Enhancement Project became a Board Priority Project. During the summer of 2022, staff applied for and received a grant from Washoe County for enhancement of the Incline Skate Park. At the Dec. 14, 2022 Board Meeting, the Board moved to accept the Washoe County Notice of Subaward (Non-Competitive Grant) in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of enhancing the existing Skate Park. The Board was told by staff at this time that although there was funding budgeted between FY 22 and FY 26 in the amount of \$190,00, and with the current construction climate, it was likely that additional funding would be necessary.

Renovating and enhancing the skate park will benefit the community by providing a safe place for skateboards, which promotes physical activity and a healthy lifestyle, especially for young people. By increasing and expanding the existing skate park, the enhancements will encourage beginners as well as more advanced skaters to use the park. The skate park is also open to the public, making it an affordable and accessible activity for all families in our community.

III. BID RESULTS

Not applicable.

IV. FINANCIAL IMPACT AND BUDGET

The Tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 23/24 Budget included funding in the amount of \$250,000. Project funding is provided through a grant award from Washoe County. Per the conditions of the grant, the project is to be completed by Dec. 2026. The updated project cost estimate for proposed renovations and enhancements is \$500,000. The FY23/24 Final Budget is being updated to reflect this cost estimate, with additional funding to be provided through a General Fund appropriation from available fund balance. This funding recommendation is consistent with the Board's direction of transferring parks' operations, maintenance and capital projects to the General Fund, and will be reflected in the upcoming FY23/24 Final Budget for Board consideration at this Board Meeting.

V. ALTERNATIVES

The alternatives to approving staff recommendation to increase the budget for the Skate Park Enhancement Project to \$500,000 would be:

1. Not approve the recommendation to increase the budget and use the Washoe County Grant funding to renovate the existing skate park and make the necessary improvements to fix safety issues, i.e. cracking concrete, rusted metal and damaged equipment.
2. Fund Phase 2 at a later date to include the addition of a larger concrete

pad with bolt-in skate features.

VI. COMMENTS

Staff will proceed with conceptual design if the motion is approved. Once the conceptual design and construction estimate has been developed, staff will bring the project back to the Board for discussion and approval.

VII. BUSINESS IMPACT/BENEFIT

Renovating the skate park will have economic benefits for our community. A renovated skatepark would attract visitors, including skateboarders from other communities, which would boost local businesses. Additionally, a renovated skate park could be used as a venue for events and competitions, which would bring more visitors and revenue to our community.

VIII. ATTACHMENTS

None

IX. DECISION POINTS NEEDED FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees make a motion to possibly approve funding for the Skate Park Enhancement Project (CIP #4378BD2202) in an amount determined by the Board and currently estimated not to exceed \$500,000.