17. AMENDMENT TO APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES OF TIDELAND FUNDS BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1046, STATUTES OF 1970 - Grant 5-4.

After consideration of Calendar Item 16 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:


2. APPROVES THE EXPENDITURE BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES OF APPROXIMATELY $195,000 IN TIDELAND TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND LANDSCAPING OF THE BIKEWAY IN LIEU OF DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAM SYSTEM.

Attachment:
Calendar Item 16 (1 page)
On May 27, 1971, the Commission approved expenditure of approximately $2.8 million in tideland funds by the City of Los Angeles for the purposes of the capital beach improvement program ($2,576,400) and for development and establishment of a tramway system to service Venice Beach ($250,000). The Commission found that these expenditures were consistent with the trusts of commerce, navigation and fisheries; were in the statewide interest and benefit; and were pursuant to the provisions of the legislative grant to the city.

Plans for the tramway are being postponed by the city, to consider off-beach possibilities for an alternative transportation system. The city Recreation and Parks Department has worked with community groups and individuals in the Venice area to define an acceptable plan. At this time the city is proposing a bikeway only (14 feet wide, 10-35 feet from Ocean Front Walk) from the Santa Monica City line to Washington Street in lieu of the formerly proposed tramway project. The area between Ocean Front Walk and the bikeway is to be landscaped. Total estimated cost of the revised plan is $195,000.

On March 7, 1972, the City Council approved the changes and has requested approval by the State Lands Commission. The bikeway and landscaping will enhance the use and enjoyment of the beach area and appear to be consistent with the trusts for commerce, navigation, and fisheries; in the Statewide interest and benefit; and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 651, Statutes of 1929, as amended by Chapter 1046, Statutes of 1970.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:


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