



Executive Director's  
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE:** OCTOBER 12, 2011

**FROM:** ENGINEERING

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_ - BASELINE BUDGET FOR THE  
120 W "C" STREET PORT POLICE KENNEL

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests baseline budget approval for a new kennel for the care and housing of Los Angeles Port Police (Port Police) dogs used for explosive and drug detection. The Port Police Canine Unit is a vital component that enhances the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department's (Harbor Department) capability to prevent or detect an event or action that would threaten the security of the Port of Los Angeles (Port) or the flow of cargo. Costs are eligible for reimbursement under Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Round 8 grant and State of California Proposition 1B grant. The estimated cost of a proposed kennel is \$860,000 and is scheduled for completion in May 2012. Staff is providing a general program overview and is recommending that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve the baseline budget for a new kennel. This approval relates only to budget allocation and does not constitute project approval or authorization for commencement of any construction activity on any specific project proposal. Construction cannot commence until all California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements are completed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Approve the 120 W "C" Street Port Police Kennel baseline budget; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background and Project Need - A new kennel is necessary to adequately support the expanding number of working police dogs assigned to safeguard the Port's visitors, tenants, personnel, and vital infrastructure. The kennel will provide housing quarters for 10-14 dogs, and includes space for grooming, bathing, and sanitation. Currently the Harbor Department has 10 working police dogs and is in the process of purchasing two more dogs.

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The current kennel is temporary and inadequate to house and support the critical expanding role of the Port Police Canine Unit. The current kennel is located at the Berth 93 Cruise Terminal and consists of chain link fence and a container for storage. The current kennel is deemed inadequate because the infrastructure is not up to current building code standards. These highly-trained dogs provide Improvised Explosive Detection (IED) at critical assets throughout the Port, including the World Cruise Center, Catalina Island Ferry facilities, liquid bulk petroleum facilities, government buildings, rail terminals, bridges, and other Port critical infrastructure locations. The proposed kennel will support a higher operational readiness and be expandable.

Project Scope - The proposed kennel will be located on the southeast corner of Marine Avenue and "C" Street, where Port Police currently operate a modular building for training purposes (Transmittal 1). The scope of the proposed project includes construction of a 2,000 square foot concrete block wall building with 10-14 indoor/outdoor kennel runs, a grooming area, an equipment storage room, a sanitary sewer flush system, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and other utilities, and privacy screens on the inside of the perimeter fence. This proposed project scope description does not preclude the Board from considering a full range of options depending on subsequent CEQA review.

Project Baseline Budget - This proposed project is estimated to cost \$860,000. A cost estimate breakdown is attached (Transmittal 2).

Project Baseline Schedule - All costs for the kennel, other than in-house staff (labor costs), are eligible for reimbursement under the TSA PSGP Round 8 grant and State of California Proposition 1B grant which has been awarded and approved by the Board. The PSGP Round 8 grant provides \$600,000 and expires July 31, 2012. The State of California Proposition 1B grant provides \$200,000 and expires June 30, 2012. Therefore, to take advantage of these grant funds, the project must be completed by May 1, 2012, and all invoices processed and paid prior to grant expiration.

Project Resources - To meet this aggressive schedule, the Engineering Division will utilize an existing on-call building design services contract to complete the design and obtain the necessary permits. This work will be managed and overseen by staff from the Engineering Division. Construction & Maintenance Division will administer the construction of the kennel and utilize hiring hall labor to perform the work.

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Project Development Committee - This proposed project was recommended for approval by the Project Development Committee at their meeting on August 24, 2011.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approval of the baseline budget for a Port Police kennel. The proposed action does not include project approval or certification of any environmental analysis for construction of the kennel. The kennel would be subject to environmental review under the requirements of the CEQA prior to construction. As an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the CEQA in accordance with Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

Spending under the proposed project will have approximately 6 direct plus 4 secondary one-year equivalent job impacts in the five-county region.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Board has approved the kennel budget of \$109,019 for fiscal year (FY) 2011/2012. To take advantage of the grant monies available that will fully reimburse the costs of this proposed project, project savings from the capital improvement funds will need to be utilized for the difference between the approved FY 2011/2012 budget of \$109,019 and the proposed FY 2011/2012 capital cost of \$860,000; this difference is estimated at \$750,981. Project savings from the capital improvement funds result when project schedules get delayed or actual costs are less than budgeted costs. The Engineering Division has identified the \$750,981 difference required to fund the completion of the proposed project from the approved capital budget that will not be spent due to permitting issues with the Avalon Triangle Park project. The completed kennel will also require ongoing operating and maintenance costs estimated at less than \$5,000 per year subsequent to project completion. The grant will not cover in-house staff costs which is estimated at \$70,000.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The City Attorney has reviewed the proposed budget reallocation and determined that there are no legal issues to address at this time.

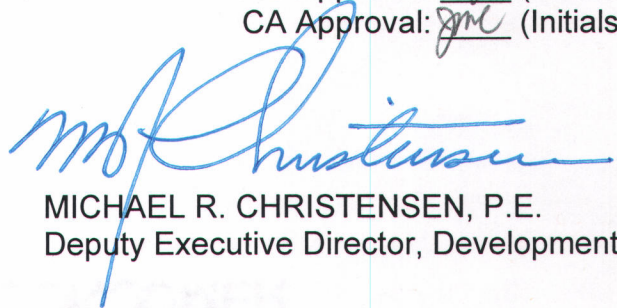
**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Site Plan
2. Cost Estimate

FIS Approval: ef (Initials)  
CA Approval: gmc (Initials)

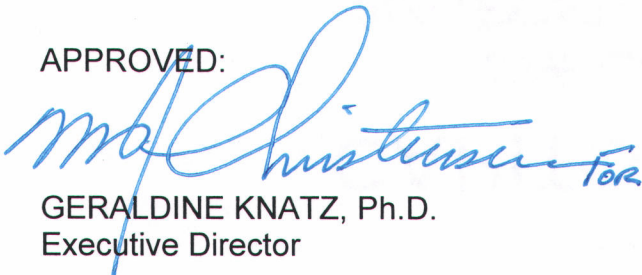


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