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CIVIC CENTER LOS ANGELES MALL SECURITY FENCING

In conjunction with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the General Services Department (GSD) is proposing to fence and gate the LA Mall. This project is described below and was presented to the Civic Center Security Working Group.

LA MALL FENCING

Background

Over the last two years, LAPD logged 373 arrests, crimes and service calls in the LA Mall area, the majority of them after hours. Criminal activities include individuals causing damage such as breaking windows and vandalizing storefronts. In some instances, individual(s) made their way into City facilities through the parking levels and were then arrested for trespassing upon discovery. Individuals using the escalators and stairways in the LA Mall and elsewhere to gain underground access to City facilities and equipment raises a continuing risk of theft, assault and sabotage to workplaces, City employees and visitors.

LAPD further reports:

“The Los Angeles Civic Center Complex (City Hall, City Hall East, City Hall South and the Los Angeles Mall) currently lacks the minimum pedestrian access control security criteria for a level 4 facility security level as defined by the Interagency Security Committee’s Facility Security Baseline Standards for Federal Facilities. Installation of a perimeter fencing system will build new capabilities by allowing security stakeholders to channel pedestrians to authorized areas or entrances and prevent unauthorized access. The proposed project will further provide stakeholders the ability to secure and protect infrastructure during an undesirable terrorist attack or violent civil unrest.”



Additionally, staff for the new Civil and Human Rights Department located in the LA Mall plan to work and conduct public meetings after hours and requested security support. According to the CAO, more City offices may also be contemplated for the LA Mall and are also likely to need such support.

LAPD estimates approximately \$2 million annually is required to provide coverage in the LA Mall and Civic Center complex after hours, and during weekends and holidays. LAPD would deploy officers in a variety of assignments, including foot patrols and bicycle units or a combination of a vehicle and foot patrols for this purpose.

Proposal

A more cost-effective means (\$304,000) of controlling entry to and from the LA Mall after hours is to install fencing with gate entries. This will allow LAPD to oversee access to this area, provide increased support to departments who work or host meetings after hours and reduce or eliminate criminal activity.

The proposed fencing with gates will be placed at current LA Mall points of entry and is the same fencing and gating being used for the CHS security project. According to the manufacturer, this product is made of heavy weld-mesh panels and is anti-climb, anti-cut and force entry tested. An example of this type of fencing is shown in the picture and diagram below.



The locations where fencing and gates will be installed are shown in Attachment A and include:

- Mall entry points from Los Angeles St. between Aiso St. and Temple St. (See number 1,2 in the Attachment)
- Mall entry point from Main St. between Aiso St. and Temple St. (See number 3 in the Attachment)
- Mall entry points from City Hall East plaza between Temple and First St. (See number 4,5,6,7 in the Attachment)
- Mall entry point from CHE North plaza (See number 8 in the Attachment)
- Mall entry points from Los Angeles St. between Temple and First St. (See number 9,10,11,12 in the Attachment)


Funding

The funding needed for this project (\$304,000) was transferred to GSD during 2022-23 as follows:

- \$172,492 - 2nd CPR
- \$131,510 - 4th CPR

Recommendation

That the MFC approves this project for implementation.



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ATTACHMENT A

