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TO: Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Steering Committee

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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION K PROGRAM: 2026-27 FUNDING SHORTFALL UPDATE FOR REMAINING ACTIVE SPECIFIED PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee acknowledge the shortfalls within the report and identify additional funding and program funds in a future CPR.

SUMMARY

To ensure the City satisfies all the remaining Proposition K Program (Program) requisites prior to the Program's conclusion in FY 2026-27, the program management team developed protocol to present and address project shortfalls to ensure the delivery of the projects in accordance with the Ballot Measure.

As presented in the Discussion section, significant progress has been made to secure supplemental funding, reduce funding shortfalls, implement alternate scoping options, and obtaining Council findings to designate project elements infeasible, as supported by specific circumstances and due diligence conducted on the part of the program management team.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate impact on the General Fund as a result of the report recommendations. To the extent that funding shortfalls currently projected for the remaining Proposition K Specified projects are not addressed through the commitment of other funding sources, there is a potential future impact on the General Fund. In order to reduce any future General Fund liability, the program management team is actively working with the respective Council Offices and impacted departments to develop funding strategies, consider down-scoping options, or determine alternative delivery strategies.

DISCUSSION

There are currently twenty-nine (29) Proposition K Specified projects remaining in varying stages of development, one of which is pending a staff report for potential infeasibility findings. In addition to the remaining projects, there are Nine (9) projects which the Council has found to contain infeasible components.

Attachment A presents the cost to complete for the remaining phases of phased projects and the complete cost for projects that have not yet begun. Currently, there are nineteen (19) active projects with unresolved funding shortfalls totaling approximately $87.8 million, including all known funding sources, as noted in Attachment A. This shortfall is based on current project estimates, increased significantly due to the volatile construction escalation costs.

The following discussion provides details and timelines for funding appropriations needed this fiscal year and next fiscal year to ensure the specified projects can be awarded for construction with appropriate funds to cash flow the project until the next fiscal year.

A. Active Projects Moving Forward

There are twenty-nine (29) active Proposition K Specified projects moving forward in various stages of project development, as reflected in the chart below, which includes: oner (1) in pre-design, seventeen (20) in design, two (2) in bid and award, and six (6) in construction.

In accordance with existing practices, BOE has obtained prior authority to initiate activities for projects with unresolved funding shortfalls. At this time, there are nineteen (19) projects included in this category with an aggregate shortfall of $87.8 million, as detailed in Attachment A.

It should be noted that the majority of the funding shortfalls are a result of increasing costs because of inflationary pressures and material shortages. The Projects noted below with an asterisk * will require funding prior to the approval of the FY 27-28 budget, to ensure the project can be awarded prior to June 30th, 2027.

Project Name (Prop K ID No.)	**CD**	**Comments**
PRE-DESIGN:		
1. MacArthur Park (R20)	REG	Phase VI (Signal Building and Recreation Building Repair). BOE is issuing a Task Order to the new Arch PQOC list to prepare full design documents to address the water intrusion issues.
DESIGN:		

1. Boyle Heights Sports Center (R4)	REG	The Project has been reinitiated as a design-build project, and will be solicited for bids in February 2027
2. Sepulveda Basin - Hjelte Field (R30)	REG	The Pre-Design phase has been initiated following the recent identification of an appropriate site location by RAP and the Council Office. A survey of the entire Sepulveda Basin is underway. The RAP lease with the Army Corps of Engineers will be amended based on the specific details of the survey. Based on past communication and available site infrastructure, the scope has increased from the Proposition K required "New Athletic Fields, Lighting, Parking", and now includes a restroom and concession stand structure. Revised costs have been updated to reflect the escalated costs of the entire project.
3. *Rosecrans Recreation Center (Child Care Center) (S145)	15	Design is 60% complete and will be solicited for bids in January 2027
4. Angels Gate Park (R1)	REG	Design is 90% Complete. Additional Environmental review is being completed for the demolition of the Historic Structures, so that the project can complete the CEQA process and obtain Coastal Permits, and subsequently be solicited for bids in January 2027
5. Balboa Sports Complex (R2)	REG	The Project was delayed, as the client requested BOE to analyze an additional site near the Balboa Sports Complex. Due to this the Project will move forward as a Design-Build Project. The Bridging Package is 70% complete. This project is identified as part of the Sepulveda Basin Master Plan, and the Council Office has confirmed site selection. BOE is designing the new aquatic facility to include a modern bathhouse with a grand splash pad, with a swimming pool fully designed for future implementation. RAP supports the approach, which will allow an estimated savings of $7 to 8 million.
6. Griffith Park (R13)	REG	**Phase I** (Road Improvements and Live Streamers Parking): Completed in 2015. **Phase II** (Restrooms at Crystal Springs Baseball Fields and Pony Rides): Completed in 2021. **Phase III**: Design of irrigation improvements are underway. **Phase IV:** Design for this Phase IV (additional 6 restrooms) and associated hardscape is currently underway. The Design is roughly 90% complete for the three restrooms that were prioritized by RAP. The drawings will be prepared so that a bid for each restroom and site improvements can be provided, and awarded, as funds are available.

7. *Hansen Dam (R16)	REG	BOE has begun the design phase for the Phase IV (RV Parking) scope of work. The site is being evaluated and may be relocated to save costs on infrastructure installations.
8. Rim-of-the-Valley Trails (R26)	REG	The BOE Arch Div has taken on the Design for the landscape and trail-focused projects. The Projects are now being designed separately and prioritized based on staff availability. The separate project design packages are 80% complete and are anticipated to be solicited for bids in January 2027.
9. *Southeast Valley Roller & Skateboard Rink (R27)	REG	Phase III development of the Roller Rink is in the Design phase. Design is 80% complete, and the Project is anticipated to be solicited bids in January 2027
10. Sepulveda Basin – Lake Balboa (R31)	REG	On 1/27/2022, Proposition K - LAFKSC approved the project scope to include complete design and engineering of a new irrigation system for the entire 67-acre site, and complete construction to install a new irrigation system for an area of up to 11 acres. Design is 95% complete. A revised 100% Design estimate revealed a $4 Million dollar construction cost increase. The Project is estimated to be awarded to RAP vendors in Spring 2027.
11. Alpine Recreation Center aka Ord & Yale (S1)	1	**Phase I** (Park Development): Completion of Phase I satisfies Proposition K specified scope. The park facility grand-opened on 7/29/2021 with RAP Board final acceptance on 10/6/2021. **Phase II** (Linkage): Completion of second phase is needed to fully implement Proposition K scope. Design is in process for a wayfinding signage kiosk at the existing Alpine Recreation Center, which will provide directions and information on how to get to the new Ord & Yale Park developed under Phase I. This phase is currently under construction by GSD
12. *Serrania Park (S24)	3	Design is 80% complete and three LVNOC meetings have been conducted to date. The community is in support of the project. The Project is anticipated to be solicited for bids in February 2027.
13. *Roger Jessup Recreation Center (S60)	7	The Design is 80% complete and is anticipated to be solicited for bids in January 2027. Three LVNOC meetings have been conducted, and the community is in favor of the design.
14. Stetson Ranch (S63)	7	BOE has coordinated the scope with RAP and CD 7, and the design, being completed in-house, is roughly 80% complete. Three LVNOC meetings have been completed to date.
15. *Manchester Jr. Arts Center (S70)	10	The Design is 80% complete and is anticipated to be solicited for bids in January 2027. Three LVNOC meetings have been conducted, and the community is in favor of the design.
16. Michelle and Barack Obama (Rancho Cienega) Sports Complex (S94)	10	Construction of the remaining playground and shade structures has been completed, and the project is in the post construction phase.

17. Oakwood Jr. Arts Center (S99)	11	Phase I: Completed. Scope includes building repairs and structural/mechanical/plumbing/electrical/fire-life-safety upgrades. Phase II: BOE has coordinated with DCA and the Council Office to initiate programming and design in order to accommodate junior arts programming. Design was initiated in-house, and three LVNOC meetings were conducted. The design is anticipated to be completed in spring 2027 and awarded to GSD.
18. Castle Peak (S18)	12	At its meeting held on 10/12/21, the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) concluded that the majority of the community are against the proposed restrooms. BOE has conducted three LVNOC meetings to present various options to complete the Proposition K scope, of which the majority of community members expressed their opposition to the restroom portion of the project. Staff is preparing to present an alternative delivery option that would move the improvements to a local park with an existing restroom that requires improvements. A meeting is being coordinated with the WHNC to present this option.
19. Lazy J. Park (S20)	12	Same as the above-noted Castle Peak project.
20. *Highland Park Jr. Arts Center (S133)	14	Due to the project delays related to in-house design staff availability, the project was solicited to the Architectural Pre-Qualified On Call Architectural Consultant List for the preparation of design build bridging documents.
BID AND AWARD:		
1. Drum Barracks (R9)	REG	Additional non-Proposition K funds were committed to cover the funding gap. The project is being re-bid and is anticipated to start construction in early Spring 2027.
2. Los Angeles Riverfront Park (R18)	REG	**Phase III** (Balboa to LA River/Orange Line Crossing): The project is being value engineered and re-bid as the bids received in the spring of 2025 drastically exceeded the City Engineer's estimate and available funding.
CONSTRUCTION:		
1. Griffith Park Performing Arts Center (R14)	REG	The Project was awarded to a design build contractor. The contractor has completed the permitting of the design and has begun physical construction, which is approximately 30% complete.
2. Studio City (S12)	2	Construction is 90% complete and is anticipated to be open in the spring of 2027. Additional funding may be needed to negotiate claims with the contractor.
3. Reseda Skate Facility (S23)	3	The Project is currently in the Construction Phase and is estimated to be completed in September 2026. Delays have occurred due to unforeseen soil conditions, inclement weather, and Design Build structural and membrane systems approvals from LADBS.

4. Southern Pacific Trails (R35) (Slauson Connect)	9	The project was awarded to a design build contractor in June 2025 and is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2028.
5. Hollywood Recreation Center (S121)	13	**Phase I** (Swimming Pool, Bathhouse): Completed in May 2016. **Phase II** (Modern Gym): Construction is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2027.
6. Engine Company 23 Arts Center (S78)	14	**Phase I** Construction is ongoing with a current projected completion in winter of 2026, which reflects delays due to unforeseen conditions, the pandemic, and reductions in City staffing capacity. **Phase II** The fourth and final LVNOC was conducted, satisfying the Proposition K requirements, and the project obtained consensus to move forward with design. The DCA and the community developed an operations concept that can accommodate the entire Skid Row community. A design is being selected, and we anticipate award of the Phase II construction to GSD in the summer of 2027.

B. Infeasibility Findings (Adopted by Council Action)

Several projects with acquisition components were found to be infeasible after the appropriate due diligence was conducted by the Department of General Services and the Department of Recreation and Parks. The projects were found infeasible by the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee and adopted by the City Council due to the inability to acquire land or the inability to construct the project in accordance with Proposition K guidelines.

Project Name (Prop K ID No.)	CD	Council Action	Comments
1. Central Recreation Center (S76)	9	C.F. 20-1124	Original project scope to acquire land to expand the Central Recreation Center was determined to be infeasible.
2. Trinity Recreation Center (S86)	9	C.F. 20-1124	Original project scope to acquire land to expand the Trinity Recreation Center was determined to be infeasible.

3. Southern Pacific Trails (R35)	REG	C.F. 20-1124	Council approved the relocation of the project site defined for the Southern Pacific Trails project from the LA River to the Coliseum to the railroad corridor along Slauson Avenue, and the co-location and repurposing the funding capacity available for the Central and Trinity Recreation Center projects subsequently consolidated into the Slauson Connect Recreation Center and Park project.
4. Stetson Ranch (S63)	7	C.F.19-1006-S1	Council approved a finding to declare the land acquisition component infeasible based on due diligent efforts conducted by staff that were unsuccessful in identifying a viable site to acquire.
5. Poinsettia Recreation Center (S45)	5	C.F. 22-0698	GSD performed property search within a three-mile radius from Poinsettia Recreation Center and found 14 available properties for sale, however, RAP evaluated the available acquisition opportunities and found no suitable or practical sites that would meet the intent of the acquisition.
6. Los Angeles Riverfront Park (R18)	REG	C.F. 20-0280	Acquisition of an actual project site was deemed infeasible by Council, due to its ownership by the Army Corp of Engineers. Although GSD performed a property search along the 14-mile corridor between Studio City and Lake Balboa, extending 2 miles each way from the centerline of the corridor, no suitable property was identified for acquisition.
7. Macarthur Park (R20) Phase V- Boathouse	REG	C.F. 24-0788	Recreation and Parks demolished the Boathouse in advance of the implementation of the project due to its disrepair and unsafe conditions, rendering the rehabilitation of the Boathouse infeasible.
8. 1. Ferraro Soccer Fields (R12)	REG		Phase III: This phase of the project was presented to the LAFKSC and approved as infeasible because RAP has replaced the natural turf with artificial turf, and DWP has pivoted from their purple pipe extension program and is focusing more on onsite groundwater recharging, subsequently not extending the purple pipe to this area. In addition, reclaimed water cannot be used for spray

			irrigation, and the use of drip irrigation on active turf fields would not be sustainable.
9. Ardmore Recreation Center aka Seoul International; Dodger Dream field (S87)	10	CF: 10-0068-S1	Council found the project to be infeasible after geotechnical reports revealed that poor soil conditions would require that the new structure, hardscape, ADA ramps and retaining walls be supported by piles, which would result in differential settlement between the existing building and new structures. RAP considered several alternate locations in the park but determined that a new separated structure would not be beneficial to the programs slated to use the facility, as new staff would be required to operate programs in two separate spaces. At the request of the LAFKSC, the Proposition K team worked with RAP and CD10 to investigate alternative delivery options at other parks in the district. No viable options were found. Phase 1: The Dodger Dream fields have been completed.

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Attachments:

A. Proposition K Remaining Project Shortfalls

NO.	PROJECT TITLE (PROP K ID NO.)	CD	BALLOT AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	BOE PROJECT ESTIMATE	TOTAL FUNDING	SHORTFALL	PHASE
B. ACTIVE PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD							
1	BOYLE HEIGHTS SPORTS CENTER (R4)	REG	2,500,000	30,000,000	17,932,045	(12,067,955)	Design
2	MACARTHUR PARK (R20) Phase VI - Signal Building & Recreation Building	REG	4,167,466	6,500,000	5,100,234	(1,399,766)	Pre-Design
3	SEPULVEDA BASIN - HJELTE FIELD (R30)	REG	1,000,000	9,000,000	2,912,000	(6,088,000)	Design
4	ROSECRANS RECREATION CENTER-CHLD CARE CENTER (S145)	15	1,300,000	14,100,000	1,300,000	(12,800,000)	Design
5	ANGELS GATE PARK (R1)- PHASE 1	REG	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	Design
5b	ANGELS GATE PARK (R1)- PHASE 2	REG	6,062,588	4,062,588	4,062,588	-	Design
6	BALBOA SPORTS AQUATIC COMPLEX (R2) Phase 1	REG	3,000,000	20,000,000	15,000,000	(5,000,000)	Design
7	GRIFFITH PARK (R13)	REG	6,383,981	$3,487,067	3,487,067	-	Design

8	HANSEN DAM (R16)	REG	12,436,535	3,000,000	2,588,871	(411,129)	Design
9	RIM-OF-THE-VALLEY TRAILS (R26)	REG	400,000	6,000,000	5,501,214	(498,786)	Design
10	SOUTHEAST VALLEY ROLLER & SKATEBOARD RINK (R27)	REG	7,668,336	14,200,000	7,684,941	(6,515,059)	Design
11	SEPULVEDA BASIN - LAKE BALBOA (R31)	REG	3,506,659	9,000,000	3,430,871	(5,569,129)	Bid & Award
12	ALPINE RECREATION CENTER AKA ORD AND YALE (S1) Phase 2	1	1,500,000	500,000	1,138,773	638,773	Construction
13	SERRANIA PARK (S24)	3	1,592,572	2,800,000	2,428,881	(371,119)	Design
14	ROGER JESSUP RECREATION CENTER (S60)	7	3,935,930	12,200,000	7,017,930	(5,182,070)	Design
15	STETSON RANCH (S63)	7	1,000,000	5,000,000	3,197,000	(1,803,000)	Design
16	MANCHESTER JR. ARTS CENTER (S70)	8	2,332,980	14,678,100	9,540,944	(5,137,156)	Design

17	MICHELLE AND BARACK OBAMA (RANCHO CIENEGA) SPORTS COMPLEX (S94)	10	1,325,509	800,000	800,000	-	Post Con
18	OAKWOOD JR. ARTS CENTER (S99)	11	2,370,645	2,352,874	2,352,874	-	Design
19	CASTLE PEAK PARK (formerly CD3) (S18)	12	730,000	2,657,258	730,000	(1,927,258)	Design
20	LAZY J PARK (formerly CD3) (S20)	12	1,000,000	4,805,360	1,000,000	(3,805,360)	Design
21	HIGHLAND PARK JR. ARTS CENTER (S133)	14	1,800,000	14,000,000	5,081,016	(8,918,984)	Design
22	DRUM BARRACKS (R9)	REG	347,782	1,317,776	1,317,776	-	Bid & Award
23	LOS ANGELES RIVERFRONT PARK (R18)	REG	11,640,287	556,459	556,459	-	Bid & Award
24	GRIFFITH PARK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (R14)	REG	6,317,348	5,227,573	5,227,573	0	Construction
25	SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAILS (SLAUSON CONNECT) (R35)	REG	20,131,176	38,898,306	32,085,882	(6,812,424)	Construction
26	STUDIO CITY (S12)	2	5,000,000	30,663,078	30,663,078	0	Construction
27	RESEDA SKATE FACILITY (S23)	3	13,705,001	38,735,534	38,235,534	(500,000)	Construction

28	HOLLYWOOD RECREATION CENTER (S121)	13	6,281,916	30,906,189	30,906,189	0	Construction
29	ENGINE COMPANY 23 ARTS CENTER (S78)- Phase 1 & Phase II	14	9,863,800	25,000,000	21,354,314	(3,645,686)	Phase I: Construction Phase II: Design
					SUBTOTAL - Active Projects Moving Forward:	**(87,814,108)**	