



**PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: JUNE 28, 2022
TO: DESIGN COMMISSION
FROM: JENNIFER PAIGE, ACTING DIRECTOR, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: ADVISORY REVIEW - NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE, ACROSS THE ARROYO SECO FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL, IN THE BROOKSIDE GOLF COURSE
1001 ROSE BOWL DRIVE

Background:

This advisory review is required pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 2.80.110.B.3, which states that one of the purposes and functions of the Design Commission is to “review and recommend to the city council the aesthetic design concepts of all construction undertaken by the City, including structures, streets, bridges, subways, sidewalks, street trees, parkways, landscaping, street furniture and street lights. This paragraph includes projects in which the City is a participant.”

Brookside Golf Course is a 36-hole City-owned municipal golf course located in the northwest portion of the City and is bounded generally by the 210 Freeway to the north, Rosemont Avenue to the east and West Drive to the west. A one-story clubhouse building is located along its eastern edge fronting Rosemont Avenue. Both the historic Rose Bowl and Brookside Park are located immediately south of the golf course. The Arroyo Seco flood control channel bisects the golf course, in a north-south direction, and divides the golf course into east and west sides. This feature blocks functional access throughout the golf course. There are a number of 4'-5' wide golf cart overpasses strategically placed over the channel to improve accessibility, but are not intended for pedestrian crossing.

Through an agreement with the City, Goldenvoice/AEG hosts approximately six concerts and/or festivals, using the Brookside Golf Course grounds as its venue, annually. Goldenvoice/AEG's concert/festival season begins in May and ends in September and upwards of 40,000 participants attend each event. In past years, the Goldenvoice/AEG has regularly used the portion of the golf course east of the Arroyo Seco flood control channel to set up stages for the various acts and performances. On occasions where both the east and west sides of the golf course were used, Goldenvoice/AEG observed crowding on the golf cart channel crossings as concert-goers moved between the east and west portions of the golf course. This observation was noted as a potential safety concern given the narrow passage way is not intended for pedestrian two-way traffic. For this reason, Goldenvoice/AEG has suspended the use of the west side of the grounds until the proposed temporary pedestrian bridge can be constructed and installed for use during the concert/festival season.

Project Description:

The project proposes the construction of a new temporary pedestrian bridge in Brookside Golf Course. The metal bow truss bridge would span the Arroyo Seco concrete flood control channel and measure 24'-10" wide and 80'-0" long with approximately 4'-0" high railings on either side. The proposed bridge would be located directly west of the Brookside clubhouse and northwest of the Rose Bowl. It will be constructed and framed in metal steel tubes painted bronze with a brown wood plank in-laid deck. The bridge design, particularly its width, is intended to accommodate two-way pedestrian circulation safely between the east and west areas of the golf course.

The engineered metal truss bridge will be constructed offsite and is comprised of three sections. Upon completion, the pieces will be transported to the golf course and assembled onsite. The bridge will be a temporary feature in that it will coincide only with the scheduled concert/festival season. As the season starts in May and ends in September, it is anticipated that the bridge will be assembled late April and dismantled by early October of each year and stored offsite for the following season. It is expected that the bridge, on occasions, may remain in place beyond September to accommodate events at the Rose Bowl, if necessary. The required agreement and coordination will be between Goldenvoice/AEG and the Rose Bowl Operating Company, should that need arise.

The existing golf cart overpasses, constructed of concrete and metal tube railings will continue to be available for pedestrians during these events, but their reliance will be minimized. The proposed bridge will help eliminate the crowding concern observed in past events.

The location of the bridge, west of the clubhouse and northwest of the Rose Bowl, was selected by Goldenvoice/AEG based on how they intend to use the west side of the golf course. It is anticipated that a performance stage(s) will be constructed in an area west of the proposed bridge. The new temporary bridge will be completed and installed for the 2023 concert/festival season.

Applicable Master Plan(s):
Central Arroyo Master Plan

Applicable Design Guidelines:
Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines

Previous/Existing Entitlements:

None

CEQA Clearance:

This is an advisory review and is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Analysis:

Applicable Design Guidelines and Master Plan:

The following design guidelines and master plan policies are applicable to the project and should guide further development and study of the project as it moves forward in the permitting process:

Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines:

- 1.1 Enhancement of appropriate recreational opportunities.
- 1.5: Encourage simplicity of design and integrity of materials; provide a safe and secure environment for people and animals within the limits of the natural environment; provide accessibility for all where possible; avoid use of colors that distract from the natural environment, and use appropriate scale to ensure harmony with surroundings and the human scale.
- 3.1.2 All structure shall be of a scale and character appropriate to the Arroyo Seco and their location shall be environmentally sensitive and integrated to the site.

Architecture shall provide visual and textural interest discernable through site-sensitive massing, quality building detailing, materials, and colors.
- 3.2.6 Event-related facilities shall be defined as all those temporary structures and lights relating to the facilitation of temporary events including but not limited to fabric or fabric-like structures, tensile structures, inflatable structures, kiosks, directional devices (including temporary signs and way-finding signs), fencing, viewing stands, and corrals.
- 8.3.1 Use of asphalt and concrete on walkways shall be minimized. The use of permeable surfaces is preferred.

Central Arroyo Master Plan

- Allow opportunities for special events in the Central Arroyo through lease agreements.

The design guidelines are intended to provide guidance for implementation of the objectives identified in the Central Arroyo Master Plan and includes opportunities for hosting special events in the Central Arroyo through lease agreements. The proposed temporary pedestrian bridge is a simple design and provides accessibility that is safe and secure for visitors to the site. The design, materiality, and color blend with its surrounding and complement the natural environment as specified by the design guidelines. The bridge supports special events in Brookside Golf Course, consistent with the master plan and design guidelines.

Recommended Advisory Comments:

- The proposed temporary pedestrian bridge is consistent with the Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines for its simple design, scale, color and materiality for its site context, while also enhancing recreational opportunities, safety, and accessibility.
- Reconsider the bronze/brown color of the proposed bridge to an earth-tone color so that the new bridge will be more consistent with the color scheme of the immediate surroundings, such as the color of the existing golf cart overpasses and pathways.
- Consider aligning the bridge with defined yet informal pedestrian pathways, much like the golf cart overpasses match up with nearby paths, to ensure interconnectivity in pedestrian circulation, particularly outside of event times.

Project Scheduling/Sequencing:

- Building Permit Plan Check (Review by City departments)
- Building Permit Issuance

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachments:

- A. Applicant submittal package