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Willmore City Community Association Community Meeting

September 17, 2025

Agenda

1. Project Team
2. Background
 - Vision Plan
 - Shoreline Drive and Shoemaker Bridge
3. Process and Developments Goals
4. Budget
5. Existing Conditions
6. Community Engagement Process
7. Programming Priorities



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Project Team

Department of Public Works

- Josh Hickman, Acting Director
- Marilyn Surakus, Bureau Manager
- Charlene Angsuco, Project Management Officer
- Catherine Nguyen, Program Manager

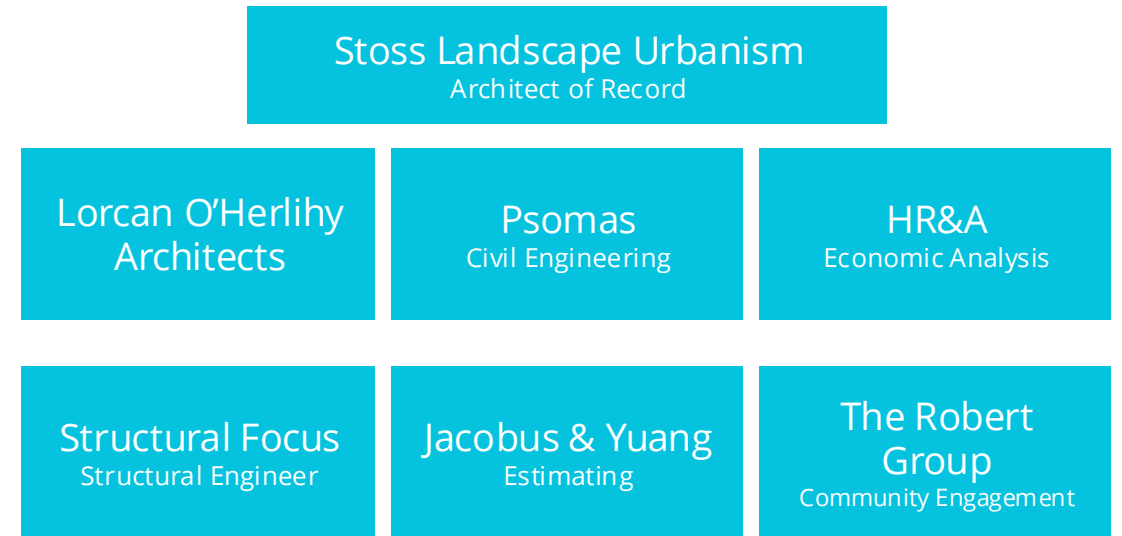
Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine

- Stephen Scott, Acting Director
- Danielle Lewis, Development Officer
- Heidi Mazas, Recreation Superintendent
- Kevmany Paimany, Community Services Supervisor

Cumming Group

Ryan Kristan, Project Manager

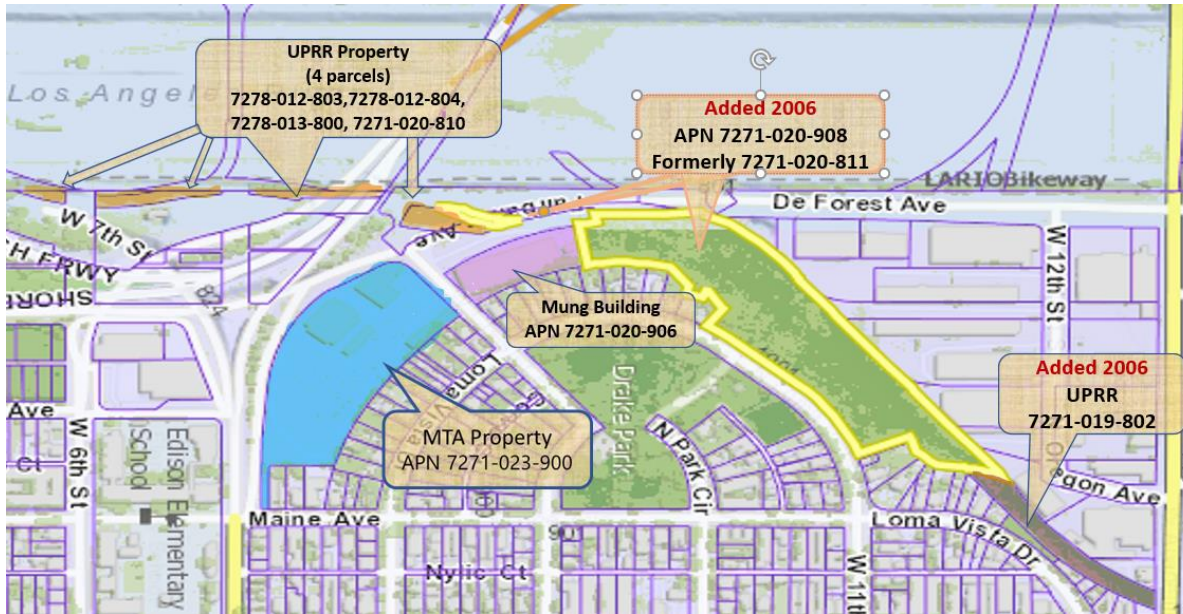
Design Team



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Background

River Tidal Lands Acquisition 2006



Master Plan 2007-2019



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2019 Vision Plan Update



ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

LB MUST
Shoreline Drive Realignment

WORKSHOPS

4 with Willmore
neighborhood

VISION PLAN

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Received and filed in 2019

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- Adjacent opportunities created by two nearby projects: Shoreline Drive Re-Alignment and Shoemaker Bridge Relocation
- Construction timeline implementation TBD – pending full funding; requires Federal & State funds



Existing Conditions



Interim Condition:
Partial Shoreline Drive re-alignment
New Shoemaker Bridge construction



Interim Condition:
Demo old Shoemaker Bridge



Future Conditions

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Process and Development Goals for Future Park

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- Build upon previous Community Engagement and validate community priorities
- Complete concept and detailed design (construction documents)
- Identify funds to deliver Little Drake vision plan and design

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- Initiate engagement and vision planning phase in 2025 (Elevate 28 funds)
- Identify project goals, processes, risks, opportunities related to Big Drake
- Conduct robust, inclusive, community engagement to inform concept design
- Identify funding for detailed design and construction



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Budget

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Funding Sources	Amount
POLB Grant	\$991,100
Park Impact Fees	\$1,000,000
RMC Grant	\$453,000
LA County TAP	\$400,000
Total	\$2,844,100

Uses	Estimated Amounts
Project Delivery, Planning/Entitlement, Design/Engineering, CM & Inspections, Construction set-aside	\$2,844,100
Total	\$2,844,100



**** Additional funding will be required to complete Construction***

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Budget

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Funding Sources	Amount
Measure A	\$500,000
Park Impact Fees	\$1,000,000
Total	\$1,500,000

Uses	Amount
Planning/Entitlement, Community Engagement, Technical Studies, Environmental Reports, and Concept Design	\$1,500,000
Detailed Design* (Construction Documents)	TBD
Construction*	TBD
Total	\$1,500,000

*** Additional funding will be required for Detailed Design and Construction**



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Existing Conditions

- 4.5 acres
- Former uses: MTA Maintenance Yard
- Existing buildings used for City operations and storage
- ~10" concrete throughout site



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Community Engagement

Engagement Process/Strategy

- In person and virtual meetings and workshops to develop concept designs and validate priorities

Meeting Accommodations:

- Translated materials
- Language and ASL Interpretation
- Live captioning during virtual meetings
- Child and youth activities during in-person events



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Little Drake Programming Feedback



Thank You!

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