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Memorandum

Crissy Field Centennial Project Update

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, the Centennial Challenge Program was created to fund deferred maintenance projects throughout the National Park System. The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) received one of the largest Centennial awards this year to perform repairs on Crissy Field, a popular park area that welcomes more than 1.2 million visitors each year. Funding for this project is made possible by \$2.5 million in funding from the National Park Service Centennial Challenge program, which is being matched by donations from the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund and members of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

Project Update: The GGNRA released schematic design drawings and draft environmental compliance documents for public review on April 8, 2016, for a two-week public comment period. Public comments were read, analyzed, and the project scope has been modified in response to public input and refined cost estimates. We believe the new design encompasses the most needed actions consistent with deferred maintenance standards and meets the project budget.

Along the promenade, the refined scope incorporates additional drainage improvements and a proven soil binder that helps stabilize the trail surface, improves durability, and extends the lifespan. The end of the promenade and adjacent pathways will be clarified near the Warming Hut to improve circulation and drainage.

The proposed project scope for the East Beach Parking Area has been reduced and will include routine repairs to existing paved surfaces. Reconfiguration of the parking lot will be addressed at a separate time to allow for additional study and community involvement. Specifically, the scope of work at East Beach Parking Lot will include: 1) re-slurry and re-striping of the existing asphalt parking area to extend the life of the existing parking, and 2) minor improvements to existing walkways at the parking lot edge and around the restroom.

Revised Project Description: The Crissy Field Centennial Project is designed to address deferred maintenance associated with the deterioration of the 1.5 mile Promenade and East Beach parking lot. Key components of the proposed project include:

- Resurfacing the promenade to maintain access using a durable material.
- Repairing the East Beach Parking Area and improving pedestrian circulation.
- Addressing storm water runoff issues and decreasing the amount of required maintenance.

Next Steps: GGNRA expects to complete environmental compliance and design drawings for this project in June with construction anticipated to begin in the late fall of 2016. These materials will be made available to the public. In order to minimize the impacts of construction, we plan to reach out to park visitors in advance regarding the construction schedule and develop detours where appropriate.