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Arie,

Attached are three high-level/preliminary documents which together provide an overview of the process we envision in response to Mr. Buck Johns' request to acquire parkland adjacent his home in Upper Newport Bay.

As we discussed when we met recently, if the county were to quitclaim the desired parcel to Mr. Johns, an existing (albeit informal/unauthorized) trail heavily used by the local equestrian community would be impacted/eliminated. To address the public recreation impact, as well as the potential pushback the transaction would receive from this constituency during the park abandonment process, we have recommended that Mr. Johns consider funding the relocation of that portion of the trail as part of his property acquisition transaction. Alternatives available to him might include funding via refundable developer deposit for the County to design/permit/construct, or funding project execution via 3rd party organization (e.g. Newport Bay Conservancy) for the County to simply permit.

The trail concept and related ROM cost estimate are also attached. As an aside, and to further complicate matters, CEO Real Estate and OC Parks staff are currently researching whether the County has property rights for the existing bikeway (which this proposed trail would parallel), as the bikeway crosses into State Lands and we would potentially need to secure an easement if none such exists.

The process is outlined in the attached word document, but would start with outlining terms of agreement between Mr. Johns and the County that would ultimately be captured in an MOU/Acquisition agreement.

Please let me and Mat know if you'd like to discuss, or if we should reach back out to Mr. Johns directly.

Thank you,

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