



**CITY OF ELK GROVE
CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA TITLE: Receive an update on the relocation of the Elk Grove Library and provide direction on design and next steps as appropriate

MEETING DATE: December 8, 2021

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends the City Council receive information from staff on the Elk Grove Library relocation and provide direction as appropriate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The current Elk Grove library is located at the southeast corner of Elk Grove Boulevard and Elk Grove-Florin Road. The facility is owned by the City and operated by the Sacramento Public Library Authority (SPL), a Joint Powers Authority.

On January 27, 2021, the City Council authorized the purchase of 9260 Elk Grove Boulevard (the former Rite Aid) for the relocation of the Elk Grove Library. The purchase was completed in spring 2021.

In August 2021, the SPL and the City initiated design work for the new building with the intent of developing conceptual and schematic floor plans, interior architectural treatments, and other design plans for improvements to the space. The SPL has retained Group4 Architecture (designers of the Elk Grove Community Center and Senior Center at District56) to lead this effort.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

As part of the current phase of work, the City and SPL have been conducting extensive outreach with the community, library users, the Friends of the Library, and local library branch staff, to understand the desired programing

and space needs for the facility. Using this information, the project team has developed draft conceptual plans and will present them during this agenda item. This presents the Council and the public with an opportunity to provide input on the design, if desired.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

There are no alternative actions for this agenda item. This serves as an update on the project and opportunity for the Council to provide direction, if desired.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The adopted 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) identifies a total project cost of \$8.1 million, with construction cost of \$7 million. The costs for the conceptual and schematic design is being paid by SPL; while the City will be responsible for construction. The SPL is working to identify some funding for fixtures and furnishings for the new space, but the total has not yet been determined.

At the January 27, 2021, City Council meeting, staff identified that a bond issuance may be needed to finance the construction, with debt service to be paid through the General Fund. Staff is investigating other funding options, including using the Capital Facilities Fee-Library, and a combination of debt and pay-go.

Additionally, the 2021-22 California State budget makes available \$439 million in one-time funds to support local library maintenance, capital projects, broadband and technology upgrades, and purchasing of devices. The grant program is still being finalized but it may provide up to \$5 million towards the facility and would have a 50% match requirement. The SPL is taking the lead in tracking this grant and is coordinating with the City on pre-application work. The SPL has indicated this project would be its sole grant application.

ATTACHMENTS:

None