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Airport Park Expansion Concept Approved by City Council

The proposed concept will double the size of the park and add two large fields

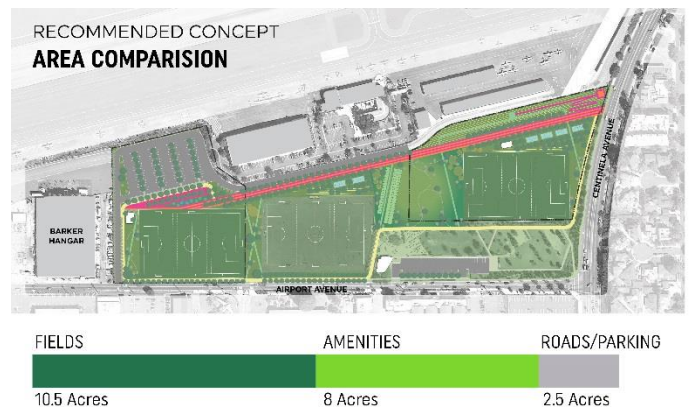
SANTA MONICA, Calif. – On Tuesday, September 27, Santa Monica City Council approved the conceptual plan for 12 additional acres to the current 9-acre Airport Park. The feasibility and concept phase led by Rios Clementi Hale Studios resulted in a recommended concept adding two new multi-purpose fields for a variety of users, amenities for all ages, and a connection to nature. Through a robust community engagement process where 689 people weighed in online and in-person, an integrated concept emerged. The now Council-approved concept includes a mix of natural ecology, playing fields, and pathways. Specifically it features:

- Two new large FIFA regulation size, multi-use fields
- A large recreational path connection to Barker Hangar
- A loop path around the site
- 60 Community Gardens at the center of the park
- Six pickleball courts
- Two new restroom facilities
- 128 new parking spaces (188 total)
- Pedestrian park entry at Centinela

The existing playground and dog park will not change.

“The design reflects the community’s vision, doubles the size of the park, and will grow to become a beloved center of recreation,” said Mayor Tony Vazquez. “We are thrilled with the multi-use concept and that so many people were an active part of the process.”

The Airport Park Expansion Project now moves into Phase II, design and environmental review. Pending the identification of funding for construction, the project is expected to break ground in spring 2018. For more information, visit www.santamonicaparks.org.



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