

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
and
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

report as follows:

TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to a list of infrastructure projects that would be eligible for President-elect Obama's proposed economic stimulus package.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Greuel - Smith):

1. APPROVE the list of infrastructure projects that would be eligible for President-elect Obama's proposed economic stimulus package, contained in the communication from the Mayor dated December 9, 2008, as amended to include the following projects:

Balboa and San Fernando Road Project
Venice and Mar Vista Pools
Wilshire Boulevard Bus Only Lane Project
Metro Green Line Extension Project

2. REQUEST the Mayor's Office to list separately Airport and Port projects from the Council District projects.
3. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to prepare an official City position resolution for consideration by the Rules and Government Committee.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Rules and Government Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)

(For background reports and materials related to this matter, contact the Legislative Assistant for the Rules and Government Committee at 213-978-1074.)

SUMMARY

In response to Motion (Greuel - Smith), various City departments prepared for the Mayor and the City Council a list of infrastructure projects that would be eligible for funding through a federal economic stimulus package proposed by President-Elect Obama.

In a communication dated December 9, 2008, the Mayor forwarded the list of projects for Council consideration. The Mayor notes that while the specific details of such an economic stimulus package have not been announced, there have been indications of what the project criteria could be. They would include infrastructure projects that are "ready to go," meaning that

the projects have cleared all planning, design and environmental reviews and can begin construction within 180 days and complete construction by December 31, 2010. Additional requirements for funding could include the creation of new jobs, especially "green jobs," increased economic activity, improved environmental quality, congestion reduction or use of local matching funds.

The Mayor's communication states that the projects listed were solicited from City departments and they represent far more in funding requests that the City could expect to receive from the federal government and, if the City is to receive such funding, the project list will need to be prioritized to match the available funding.

At a special joint meeting held on December 10, 2008, the Transportation and Public Works Committees considered Motion (Greuel - Smith) and the Mayor's communication relative to a list of infrastructure projects that would be eligible for President-elect Obama's proposed economic stimulus package. An opportunity for public comment was held. Representatives from the Mayor's Office, Bureaus of Engineering and Street Services, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation provided the Committees with background information on the list of projects. After a discussion, the Committees moved to approve the project list as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
GREUEL:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
ROSENDAHL:	YES
PARKS:	YES
ALARCON:	YES

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ROSENDAHL:	YES
SMITH:	YES
ALARCON:	YES

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