MOTION

Caltrans relinquished a segment of Foothill Boulevard from Filbert Street to Sierra Highway to the City of Los Angeles on September 10, 2001. Caltrans had planned to improve the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Sierra Highway to address immediate safety concerns however, these improvements were not completed when the State relinquished the roadway. The City received $230,000 from Caltrans to bring the roadway up to a state of good repair. Currently, $125,824.64 remains to be used to improve this stretch of Foothill Boulevard.

Through the 2009 Call for Projects, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) approved $1,860,000 in FY 2013-14 funding for the Foothill Boulevard and Sierra Highway Intersection Improvement Project. Phase 1 of the project includes signalizing the intersection and restriping the roadway. Phase 2 will widen Foothill Boulevard to provide an additional northbound travel lane. LADOT is recommending accelerating the Phase I project elements to address the immediate safety issues, which will cost $675,000. Caltrans has agreed to share fifty percent of the cost of Phase I, up to a total of no more than $300,000, on a reimbursement basis. LADOT anticipated using Prop C funds for the remaining local match, however, it was subsequently determined that the project is not eligible for Prop C funds. The Department, working closely with CD 7, has proposed using the $125,000 remaining from Caltrans, however, the only other eligible source of funding for the local match are General Fund or Measure R. Consequently, LADOT is proposing to use $549,175.36 from Measure R Local Return Funds, as follows: $300,000 for front funding to be reimbursed from Caltrans and $249,175.36 as local match for the project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

1. Transfer and appropriate the following funds to the Transportation Grant Fund No. 655, Foothill Boulevard and Sierra Highway Intersection Improvement Project, project account number to be determined by LADOT, to cover the front and match costs associated with the immediate implementation of Phase I improvements for this project that consist of the construction a signal and restripe of the roadway:

   A. $125,824.64 in match funds from Department 50, Subventions and Grants Fund No. 305, Foothill Boulevard-Paxton/Wheatland Account No. V212, which are the remaining funds the City received from Caltrans for the relinquishment of Foothill Boulevard from Filbert Street to Sierra (C.F. 03-1820); and
   
   B. $549,175.36 in match and front funds from Measure R Local Return Fund No. 51Q, Matching Funds - Transit Projects Account No. F400 ($300,000 for front funding to be reimbursed from Caltrans and $249,175.36 as local match for the project).

2. Invoice and receive up to $300,000 from Caltrans as reimbursement for their 50% share of the project costs and deposit these funds in the Transportation Grant Fund No. 655, Foothill Boulevard and Sierra Highway Intersection Improvement project account, to be designated by LADOT.

3. Upon completion of the project, return any surplus match funds to the Measure R Local Return Fund No. 51Q.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Controller be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY

RICHARD ALARCON
Councilmember, 7th District

SECONDED BY

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