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November 30, 2011

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. <u>10-1409</u>, at its meeting held <u>November 18, 2011</u>.

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SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 10-14	09 COUNCIL DISTRICT
COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE	NOVEMBER 18, 2011
POSITION FOR LEGISLATION	THE SIXTH STREET VIADUCT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND CITY'S ON THAT PROVIDES FOR A ROBUST, MULTI-MODAL, MULTI-YEAR ON FUNDING AUTHORIZATION TO FINANCE INFRASTRUCTURE
LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT [10 Day Charter requirement as per	DEC 0.5 2011 Charter Sections 341 and 231(h)]
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APPROVED	*DISAPPROVED
	*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Sections 341 and 231(h)
DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR	

File No. 10-1409



TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Committee

reports as follows:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Financial Plan for the Sixth Street Viaduct Improvement Project.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

- NOTE and FILE the joint City Administrative Officer (CAO)/Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report dated August 4, 2010 titled "Sixth Street Viaduct Improvement Project -Financial Plan", attached to the Council file.
- 2. AUTHORIZE a total project budget of \$400,996,227 for the Sixth Street Viaduct Improvement Project as the current budget consistent with the project's Environmental Impact Report.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer to execute and submit an Advanced Construction Process Financial Plan for the Sixth Street Viaduct Improvement Project to the appropriate federal and state authorities for approval (Attachment 1, Exhibit 4 of the CAO/CLA report dated October 18, 2011 attached to the Council file).
- 4. AUTHORIZE the issuance of up to \$98.5 million in MICLA financing to cash flow the Sixth Street Viaduct Improvement Project with the understanding that all of the City's costs related to this financing will be fully reimbursable from federal and state grants.
- 5. CONCUR with the City Engineer's execution of the Highway Bridge Program High Cost Commitment Letter required by the State.
- 6. RESOLVE that the Employment Authority of the four positions listed below, subject to allocation by the Personnel Department and pay grade determination by the CAO, is APPROVED:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Class Title</u>
1	9489-D	Principal Civil Engineering PM III
1	7965-B	Structural Engineer PM 1
1	9184-2	Management Analyst II
1	1368	Senior Clerk Typist

- 7. INSTRUCT the City Engineer to report back to the City Council prior to the award of the construction contract for this project.
- 8. AUTHORIZE the CAO to make any technical corrections necessary to implement the intent of the Mayor and the Council.

- 9. INSTRUCT the City Engineer, CAO, and CLA to contact the congressional delegation for Los Angeles to ensure that funding is forthcoming through the life of the project.
- 10. INSTRUCT CAO to work with the City Engineer to keep the number of personnel/positions to a minimum until project contracts are signed.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The CAO/CLA report that adoption of this report commits the City to assume financial responsibility for this \$401 million project in advance of annual state and federal reimbursements. The City's financial responsibility decreases each year as reimbursements are made. In the unlikely event that a new federal transportation bill is not approved, the City would be responsible for either completing or canceling the project. To mitigate this financial risk, the City Engineer must report back prior to executing a construction contract for this project.

<u>Debt Impact Statement</u>: The CAO/CLA report that the use of \$98.5 million in MICLA financing will require that the General Fund initially cash flow the interest costs associated with this transaction. The anticipated interest cost of \$8.2 million is included in the total estimated cost of the project of \$401 million. The project's federal and state grant funding sources will fully reimburse the City for these MICLA costs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Personnel and Public Works Committees waived consideration of the above matter)

Summary:

At its meeting of November 14, 2011, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a joint CAO/CLA report dated October 18, 2011, relative to the Financial Plan for the Sixth Street Viaduct Improvement Project (Project). The CAO/CLA report that at a September 22, 2011 meeting, the Seismic Governance Committee approved a report from the Bureau of Engineering relative to the Financial Plan for the Project. The CAO/CLA reviewed the report and are transmitting joint recommendations to enable the City to complete the demolition and replacement of the Sixth Street Viaduct over the Los Angeles River. The recommendations include: 1) authority for a total project budget of \$401 million; 2) authority for the City Engineer to submit a financial plan and a letter of commitment to the state and federal government for this project; 3) a request for \$98.5 million in MICLA financing to cash flow project cost reimbursements; and 4) approval of a staffing plan of up to 10 positions with resolution authority needed for four positions in 2011-12.

During Committee consideration, representatives of the Bureau of Engineering, CAO, and CLA provided an overview of the Project and report recommendations, and responded to related questions from Committee members. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, three members of the Budget and Finance Committee approved the recommendations contained in the joint CAO/CLA report dated October 18, 2011 and added two instructions as detailed in recommendation numbers nine and ten above. Councilmember Englander voted no. This matter is now submitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>MEMBER</u>

<u>VOTE</u>

PARKS: CARDENAS: YES

ENGLANDER:

ABSENT

ROSENDAHL:

NO YES

KORETZ:

YES

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any position of the City Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the last surface transportation authorization bill, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (SAFETEA-LU) expired on September 30, 2009, and since that time, the nation's transportation programs have been operating under a series of short-term extension, the most recent of which is set to expire in March 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that Congress provide sufficient resources to maintain the nation's transportation assets in a state of good repair and expand systems to meet a growing demand in the future; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of a long-term federal bill would provide the certainty necessary for planning and implementation of transportation programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, increased federal investment in public transportation funding is necessary, however, in light of the nation's fiscal challenges, at a minimum, current levels of funding must be maintained to preclude a further decline in the nation's infrastructure and the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, it is also critical that federal funding commitment for the replacement of the City's 6th Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement Project be maintained to ensure that the project is not delayed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2011-12 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation that provides for a robust, multi-modal, multi-year surface transportation funding authorization to finance infrastructure improvements, at not less than current program funding levels, and provides dedicated resources for financing tools such as the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans and the proposed America Fast Forward initiative, as well the necessary resources to maintain the federal commitment for the replacement of the City's 6th Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement Project.

PRESENTED BY:

JOSE HUIZAR

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:

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