

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: Citywide

To: The Council
The Mayor

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Closure of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) - Request of the Mayor and Chief Legislative Analyst to fund former CRA Street Projects Match Requirements

Subject: **FORMER CRA STREET PROJECTS WITHOUT AN IDENTIFIED MATCH**

SUMMARY

The Office of the Mayor and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) requested that we provide a report for the Council and Mayor to identify a funding strategy for the unfunded match requirements for twelve projects leftover from the demise of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Continuing these projects require both acceptance of each project and identification of \$11.8 million in match funding that the CRA can no longer provide. Nine of the projects are pedestrian projects that require the City to commit a total of \$7.5 million in matching funds. Two of the CRA projects are bicycle projects (\$875,811) and one is a goods movement/street reconstruction project (\$3,358,956).

We have worked with the Departments of Public Works and Transportation (DOT) to identify the match funding requirements and a potential funding strategy to be able to secure a total of \$23,142,152 in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) grants. We recommend that the Council and Mayor accept the projects listed in the Attachment A and approve the funding strategies as follows:

- Local Transportation Fund –
 - DOT has agreed to provide funding from the Local Transportation Fund for the two bicycle projects (\$875,811) in future years (2014-15 and beyond).
- Measure R Local Return Fund –
 - DOT has identified \$7.7 million in existing accounts within Measure R where those funds are no longer required. These funds should be reappropriated into an account from which the match requirements for the remaining CRA projects can be funded. Any shortfall in funding requirements will be managed by working with Metro to program some of the projects, and the corresponding match requirements, into

future years. DOT and this Office will work together to identify sufficient funding in future years to meet those match requirements for the Council and Mayor.

In order to maintain the grant funding opportunities for these projects, Metro has requested that the Council accept the projects before the end of December 2013. Therefore, immediate Council consideration is requested.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor,

- 1) Authorize the Departments of Public Works and Transportation, to execute grant agreements, subject to City Attorney review, between Metro and the City of Los Angeles for the transfer of the Metro grants from the former CRA/LA to the City in the amount of \$23,142,152 for completion of the 12 projects listed in Attachment A;
- 2) Authorize the Departments of Public Works and Transportation to act as Project Manager for the 12 projects listed in Attachment A, including but not limited to management of any Third Party Agreements for engineering design services;
- 3) Instruct the Department of Transportation and request the Controller to transfer appropriations ~~totaling \$7.7 million from various accounts listed below within the Measure R Local Return Fund, Fund No. 51Q/94, into an account to be determined entitled, "Project Match Funds":~~

a. Account No. 9421G1, Annual Sign Replacement =	\$175,050
b. Account No. 9421G3, Traffic Signal at Lincoln/Palm=	\$150,000
c. Account No. 9434G0, Regional Transit Consulting Services =	\$206,520
d. Account No. 94H211, Annual Sign Replacement =	\$500,000
e. Account No. 94H341, Regional Transit Consulting Services =	\$250,000
f. Account No. 94H398, Transportation Element Plan Update =	\$308,794
g. Account No. 94H450, ATSAC Project Front Funding =	\$5,682,725
h. Account No. 94J194, Transportation =	<u>\$429,159</u>
TOTAL =	\$7,702,248

- 4) Authorize the Controller to establish an appropriation account, account number to be determined, within Measure R Local Return Fund, Fund No. 51Q/94 for each of the projects listed in Attachment A for the receipt and disbursement of grant funds;
- 5) Instruct the Departments of Public Works and Transportation to submit grant reimbursement requests to the grantor and deposit grant receipts in the Measure R Local Return Fund, Fund No. 51Q/94, into an account to be determined for each of the 12 projects in the Attachment A;
- 6) Authorize Departments of Public Works and Transportation to spend up to the total amount identified for each of the 12 projects in Attachment A in accordance with a revised grant award agreement; and,

- 7) Authorize the City Engineer, the Director of Bureau of Street Services and the General Manager of the Department of Transportation, with concurrence of the City Administrative Officer, to make technical corrections required to carry out the intent of the Council and Mayor.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations will result in \$7.7 million fiscal impact to Measure R for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and a \$4.1 million fiscal impact in future years from either Measure R or the Local Transportation Fund.

Attachment

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Project	Dept. Assigned	Project Scope/Objectives	Grant Award	Total City Funding Required
Arts District/Little Tokyo Gold Line Station Linkages (CD-9)	DOT	Design and construction of a 1.2-mile network of wayfinding and pedestrian area enhancements between Temple and 3rd Streets and Alameda and Los Angeles Street focused on the Little Tokyo Gold Line/Regional Connector station. Includes general sidewalk reconstruction/replacement, 16 street trees and grated wells, 9 planters, 37 pedestrian way lights, 4 bus stop security lighting fixtures, 24 benches, 24 trash receptacle, 20 bike racks and general street furniture and landscaping improvements. Wayfinding elements include 4 district signs, 8 entry element markers and 10 small gateway lanterns. Three new mid-block crossings are also to be installed. (Grant award includes \$868,946 in Measure R funding).	\$1,737,892	\$400,328
Broadway Historic Theater District Pedestrian Enhancements (4 th to 6 th Streets) (CD-14)	BOE	Design and construction of 0.25 miles of pedestrian enhancements to realize major components of the Broadway Streetscape Master Plan. Project includes ADA ramps, curb extensions, 16 pedestrian-scale light fixtures, 24 benches and seat wells, 16 trash receptacles, 16 bike racks, 36 street trees and 4 transit patron shelters. Transit user/local area wayfinding elements include 8 in-pavement identification medallions.	\$2,258,050	\$880,000
Boyle Heights Chavez Ave. Streetscape/Pedestrian Improvements (CD-1)	DOT	Streetscape improvements on a 1.3-mile segment of historic Chavez Avenue between Warren St. and Evergreen Ave. in Boyle Heights. Includes repair and replacement of deficient sidewalks; 26 curb extensions; 135 street trees in new wells with grates; coordinated street furnishings including 43 benches, 8 news rack corrals, 101 trash receptacles, 312 pedestrian lighting fixtures; general public way landscape improvements and other pedestrian amenities. Project management/administration costs not to exceed 10% of total project cost.	\$2,787,500	\$1,742,472

Central Avenue Historic Corridor Streetscape (CD-9)	BSS	Environmental clearance, final design and construction of streetscape enhancements on 2.5 miles of Central Avenue between Washington Boulevard and Slauson Avenue. Includes installation of wider sidewalks at all major bus-transfer boarding locations with ADA curb ramps, new distinctive paving, striping and enhanced pedestrian signals for major street crossings. Metro-funded project focuses on enhancement of ten (10) intersections, while a related federally-funded project focuses on streetscape in between these intersections including landscape improvements, curb extensions, 14 fully lighted bus shelters, 29 bus patron benches, 10 bicycle racks, 80 canopy street trees, 40 planters and 40 trash receptacles. Project management/ administration costs are not to exceed 10% of total project cost.	\$1,697,250	\$467,000
Eastside Light Rail Pedestrian Linkages, Phase II (CD-14)	BSS	Pedestrian Improvements on four north-south streets, connecting Gold Line stations on First Street to Chavez Avenue and Fourth Street and includes three miles of pedestrian improvements including: wider sidewalks, curb ramps, street furniture, 400 street trees, landscaping, wayfinding and pedestrian lighting. (Grant award includes \$1,074,925 in Measure R funding).	\$2,149,850	\$622,413
Hollywood Blvd. Streetscape Improvements: Gower to Western (CD-13)	DOT	Construction of pedestrian improvements on approximately 0.75 miles of Hollywood Boulevard from Gower Street to Western Avenue as well as an approximately 360-foot section of Western Avenue from Hollywood Boulevard to Carlton Way. Improvements include new sidewalk paving, ADA curb ramps, curb extensions, decorative crosswalk striping, security lighting at bus boarding areas, bike racks, benches and related street furniture, installation of new street trees and general landscaping improvements and public art.	\$2,222,035	\$1,700,357
Orange Line Extension-Sherman Way Station Pedestrian Improvements (CD-12)	BSS	Design and construction of pedestrian and bicycle improvements to enhance connections to the new Orange Line Station on Canoga to the Sherman Way corridor between Topanga Canyon Blvd. and De Soto. Project elements include pedestrian lighting, street trees, wayfinding signage, bus patron shelters and street furniture enhancements. Curb extensions, enhanced crosswalks and median pedestrian "refuge islands" will improve access across Sherman Way. A system of bike lanes, shared lane markings and bike racks will help enhance bicycle use to the station.	\$1,093,066	\$588,575

Washington Blvd. Pedestrian/Transit Access, Phase 2 (Hooper to Alameda) (CD-9)	BSS	Design and construction of streetscape improvements on Washington Boulevard east of San Pedro between Hooper Ave. and Alameda St. as well as on Long Beach Ave. from Washington south to 20th St. A major emphasis of the project is improving the safety of the Washington/Long Beach Blvd. intersection for pedestrians and transit users as well as for vehicular traffic and Blue Line train movements. Pedestrian improvements include new sidewalks, ADA ramps, bicycle racks and lockers, reconfigured crosswalks, curb extensions, pedestrian way lighting, street trees and landscaping, enhanced configuration of railroad crossing signals, pedestrian safety gates and warning devices as well and new paving. New access from the south to the Long Beach Blvd. Blue Line station will be provided.	\$1,491,633	\$803,187
Hollywood Pedestrian/Transit Crossroads Streetscape Improvements - Phase 1 (CD-13)	DOT	Streetscape improvements on Hollywood Boulevard that include replacement of ficus trees with Mexican Fan Palms, installation of bus benches, and upgrade of existing decorative pedestrian lights.	\$1,032,000	\$365,000
Alameda Street Downtown LA: Goods Movement (CD-14)	BOE	Roadway and streetscape improvements to alleviate currently sub-standard conditions and facilitate goods movement activities between downtown industrial and the I-10 Freeway. Part of a two-phase effort, this project will remove un-used rails, reinstall the roadbed and paving, install improved traffic lighting with left-hand signals, sidewalks and curb ramps between 7th Street and the I-10 Freeway.	\$3,766,750	\$3,358,956
Figueroa Corridor Bike Station & Cycling Enhancements (CD-9)	DOT	Design and construction of a bike facility adjacent to the Metro Blue/Expo Line Pico/Flower Station near the Convention Center and LA Live campus. Facility to include secure bicycle parking for 200 bikes, bike valet for special events, bike rental and/or share, bike repair and retail sale of bike accessories. Scope includes cycling enhancements and wayfinding along Figueroa St from 7th to MLK Blvd.	\$1,104,687	\$200,211

Expo Line Bike Hubs in South Los Angeles (CD-9)	DOT	Design, purchase and construction of bike share & parking facilities in four locations along the Expo Line in the vicinity of USC and University Park, involving at least 100 docking bicycles and docking stations. Project to be part of a larger, coordinated City bike share and secure bike parking effort and will demonstrate elements of Metro's Bicycle Strategic Plan. Project will be monitored and analyzed for lessons in planning and operations.	\$1,801,439	\$675,600
		TOTALS	\$23,142,152	\$11,804,099