

# Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture & Green Street Project

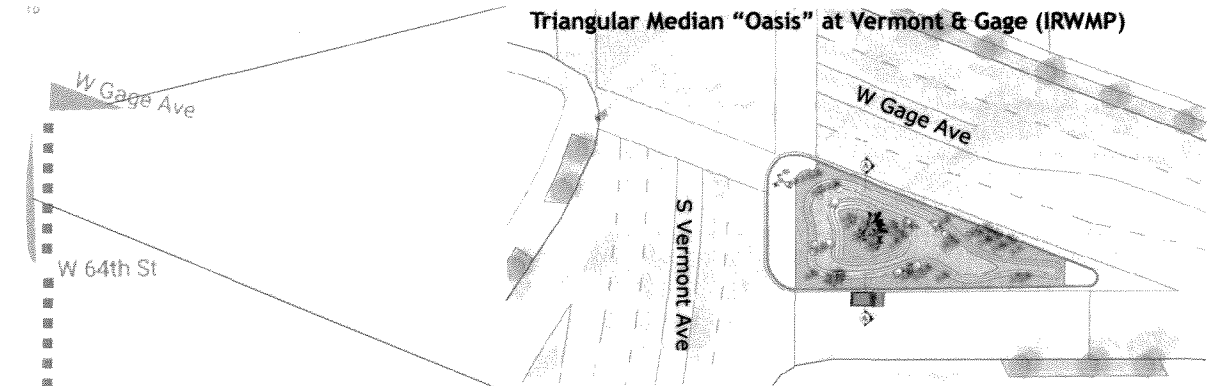
**Project Partners:** Bureau of Engineering, Prop O, MTA, Department of Water Resources, Heal the Bay **Budget:** \$3.7 M

## Benefits and Goals:

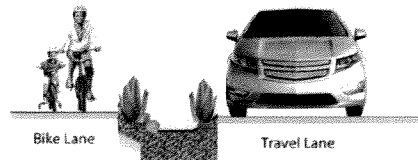
- Water quality improvement to comply with Ballona Creek Bacteria, Metals, & Toxics TMDLs
- 85th-percentile capture from ROW
- Abatement of local flooding
- Direct use of runoff for irrigation
- Development of additional green street standard plans
- Data collection: cost per linear foot of treatment BMP
- Stormwater education through public outreach
- Improved walking & alternative mobility along Vermont Avenue
- California-friendly landscaping

## PROPOSED PROJECT FEATURES

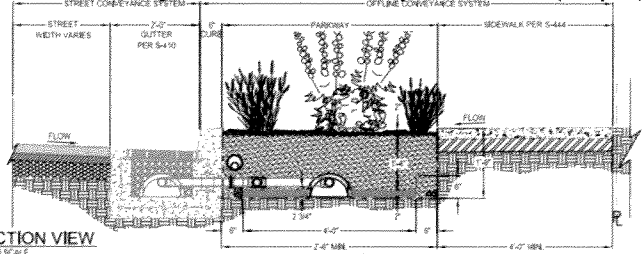
### Triangular Median "Oasis" at Vermont & Gage (IRWMP)



### Swale-Protected Bikeway (MTA)



### Modular Parkway Runoff Filters—Multiple Locations (Prop O)

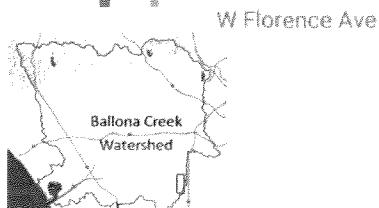
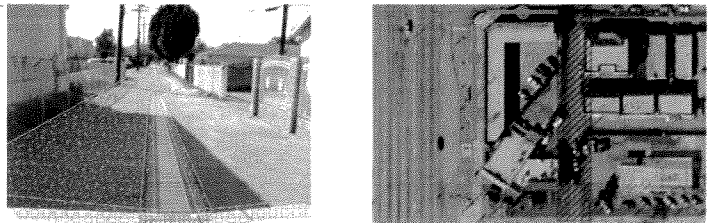


SECTION VIEW  
 NOT TO SCALE

### Outreach and Education—Schools (Partners)



### Permeable Alley and Permeable Shaded Bus Median (MTA)



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Date: January 30, 2017

To: Street and Transportation Projects Oversight Committee  
Patricia Huber, Office of the City Administrative Officer  
Karen Kalfayan, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst  
Emmett Mc Osker, Office of the Mayor

From: Seleta Reynolds,  General Manager  
Department of Transportation

Subject: **AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR CALL FOR PROJECTS**

**SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) recently initiated a new requirement for local agencies that received grant funding through the biennial Call for Projects grant program. Metro now requires a formal commitment to dedicate the necessary resources for the timely delivery of projects from grant recipients prior to the execution of funding agreements.

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), on behalf of the City's Call for Project grant recipients, is requesting authority to affirm resource commitment for the delivery of the proposed projects and execute the necessary grant agreements with Metro. Call applications have been previously approved pursuant to the Council files 09-0099, 10-2277, 12-1866, and 14-1680. Metro provided LADOT with a project listing (Attachment 1) of all affected projects. This attachment reflects programming years that are not consistent with the adopted Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and establish a fund lapse date based on previously approved fund programming. LADOT is working with Metro and has provided Metro a revision to this list (Attachment 2) that establishes programming years and lapse dates consistent with each Department's ability to deliver these projects. Attachment 2 is currently pending final Metro Board approval.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. AFFIRM the list of projects (Attachment 2) that were awarded grant funds in previous Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Call for Projects cycles (Attachment 1), as City resource priorities, a commitment to the timely completion of the projects, and confirmation that the projects meet Metro's Project Readiness criteria; and
2. AUTHORIZE the General Managers/Directors of each respective lead city departments to execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, including the Project Readiness Certification, to accept the grant funds and implement the projects, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

3. DIRECT the General Managers/Directors of the lead department or agency for each project to submit to LADOT, for inclusion in the Transportation Grant Fund Report, resource needs (including match and front-funding, staff, and overtime funding) for the implementation of projects.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Call for Projects is a process by which Metro awards anticipated federal, state, and regional transportation funds on a competitive basis to transportation improvement projects throughout the County. Attachment 1 lists the projects approved for funding from the 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015 Calls that have the first year of funding programmed in fiscal year 2016-17. In an additional effort to ensure timely completion of projects, Metro's Board adopted the Project Readiness Certification form that is to be executed and included in each funding agreement (Attachment 2). This new certification contains the following criteria:

1. Project Sponsor commitment of its local match
2. Project Sponsor commitment to provide necessary staffing
3. Project sponsor commitment to delivering projects by Project Lapse Date

This new requirement is a companion to a revised lapsing policy, granting a one-time 20-month extension from a project's final year of programmed funds. Projects that fail to meet specific milestones and metrics will be subject to de-obligation (loss of awarded funds). Compliance is essential to ensure awarded funds remain available.

The aforementioned recommendations satisfy Metro's new requirements and subsequently authorize the successful grant recipients execute the necessary funding agreement and initiation of their respective projects.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact to the city's general fund. Metro awarded grant funds are available via reimbursement basis only. Local Proposition C funds are expected to front-fund the project expenditures and provide the necessary local match.

### **Attachment**

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