

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorization to apply for grant funding from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) 2013 Call For Projects for the Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture and Green Street Project.

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

AUTHORIZE the Director, Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), or designee, to apply for and accept grant funding; conduct all negotiations; provide additional information; and execute and submit all grant-related documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, or amendments, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which may be necessary to secure funding from the Metro for the Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture and Green Street Project.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Public Works (BPW) reports that the Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture and Green Street Project is funded from the Stormwater Pollution Abatement Fund. Acceptance of this grant will have no impact on the City's General Fund. The total estimated cost for this project is \$18,300,000. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is a partner and has provided funding for the completion of the project through a MOU with the BOS.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On March 20, 2018, your Committee considered a December 18, 2017 BPW report relative to authorization to apply for grant funding from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) *2013 Call For Projects* for the Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture and Green Street Project. According to the BPW, the Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture and Green Street Project will implement Green Stormwater Infrastructures (GSI) along a half-mile segment of Vermont Avenue in order to provide multiple benefits to the surrounding community. The project is located in the Ballona Creek watershed in South Los Angeles along a major transportation corridor known as the Vermont Corridor. Vermont Avenue is one of the longest and widest streets in Los Angeles. The Project is sited along a half-mile stretch of Vermont Avenue beginning at the intersection of Vermont Avenue and Gage Avenue, southward along Vermont Avenue, and terminating at Florence Avenue.

Features included in this portion of the project will be constructed along the east side of Vermont Avenue within medians, service lanes, side streets and alleys, with a few showcased project elements placed along Vermont at the terminus of prioritized tributary drainage areas, referred herein as "Area B" and "Area C". Project components include green street elements such as parkway swales, permeable paving, infiltration wells, and other environmental enhancements in the public right-of-way, and outreach to businesses, residents, and other members of the public in prioritized areas. The Project will be designed to enhance water quality and aesthetic benefits in a simple, low- cost manner, while collecting valuable GSI performance data. The Project will be designed utilizing green street standards and other environmental enhancements. Implementation of this project will result in the capture of up to the 85th percentile storm from adjacent segments of the public right-of-way on the eastern side of Vermont Avenue. This

project is intended to provide green street elements for runoff mitigation and urban greening. This project has also received community support from local stakeholders and community members and Heal the Bay was a partner on the development of this project.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendation as contained in the December 18, 2017 BPW report and detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES

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