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Council District Nine, in partnership with the non-profit Coalition for Responsible Community Development, (CRCD) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) Bureaus of Engineering (BOE) and Sanitation (BOS), propose to complete the first phase of a storm water project in South Los Angeles called the Broadway Neighborhood Stormwater Greenway Project (Project). The first phase is proposed to complete the early portion of the work by CRCD. The project is funded in part with a State Proposition 84 grant.

In May 2013, the BOS, with support from Council District Nine, presented the Broadway Neighborhood Stormwater Greenway Project (Project) to the Proposition O Clean Water Bond, Administrative Oversight (AOC) and Citizens Oversight Advisory (COAC) Committees. On May 16, 2013, the COAC Committee recommended approval of the Project, including $2,939,361 of State Proposition 84 Grant funding and $1,687,141 of Proposition O funding. The AOC Committee recommended approved of the Project and the Proposition 84 and Proposition O funding during its June 20, 2013, meeting. On June 25, 2013, the City Council approved the Project and the funding. In August 2013, the BOE Program Implementation Manager, approved $1,687,141 for appropriation to the Project account.

The entire Project consists of installation of stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) in a South Los Angeles neighborhood to remove pollutants to help meet Los Angeles River stormwater pollution requirements. The project includes three levels of BMPs: residential, neighborhood-scale, and a subregional-scale facility. The residential BMPs will be installed on up to 40 residences, and will consist of rain gardens, infiltration trenches, native landscaping, and mulching. The neighborhood BMPs will consist of dry wells and commercial green-street BMPs. The Sub-regional facility will consist of a large infiltration gallery. Predesign work for the project began in November 2013, and design work is now ongoing. The main construction contract is expected to be issued this winter, 2014-15.

During initial outreach efforts of the Project to solicit participation in the residential component, 20 residents signed-up for installation of BMPs. This proposed first phase of the Project consists of installation of residential BMPs on these first 20 residences, by the CRCD, at a cost not to exceed $127,000. After completing the first twenty residential BMPs, interest in participation by more residents is anticipated after they see the early completed improvements. Additional participation by more residents will be evaluated to fully expend the grant funding.

In June 2014, the BOE, in consultation with Council District Nine, determined that CRCD has the skill sets to implement the Project based upon prior City projects experience. CRCD has completed landscape improvements while sub-contracting with United Landscape & Tree Services, a licensed landscape contractor. The CRCD currently has a contract with the DPW, Office of Community Beautification (OCB) that includes graffiti abatement and community beautification services in Council District Nine. Therefore, the BOS and BOE recommend funding in the amount of $127,000 be transferred from the Proposition O Project account to an OCB account, established solely for this Proposition O Project, for the purpose of implementing the first twenty residential BMPs.

CRCD will enter into a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the BOE to establish Project scope, schedule milestones, and payment procedures.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to approval of Mayor, hereby:

1. Direct the City Controller to transfer $127,000 from the Proposition O Fund No. 16V, Department 50, Account No. 50KXAC, entitled "Broadway Neighborhood Stormwater Greenway", to the Department of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification (OCB), established solely for the Proposition O Project, Fund No. 100, Department 74, Account No. 3040 - Board of Public Works Contractual Services Account, subject to execution of MOU between CRCD and BOE.
2. Authorize the Director of OCB, on consultation with BOE, to prepare City Controller instructions to make technical adjustments as necessary to implement the above recommendations and instruct the City Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY: 
CURREN D. PRICE
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SECONDED BY:  

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