

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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To: The Public Works Committee

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Reference: Council File 13-1300-S1

Subject: **SAVE OUR STREETS LOS ANGELES (SOSLA)**

SUMMARY

On January 15, 2013, the City Council considered a motion (Englander-Buscaino-Krekorian – C.F. 13-1300-S1) relative to a proposal to place a three billion dollar Emergency Local Street Safety and Traffic Improvement General Obligation Bond on the May 21, 2013 General Municipal Election Ballot to provide for repair of the City's worst streets. The Proposal would provide \$300 million annually for the next ten years to repair more than 8,700 lane miles of streets in the City that are in the worst condition. An amending Council Motion (Buscaino-Englander) referred this matter to the Public Works Committee to allow more time for study, debate and public input and outreach on this proposal.

On August 6, 2013, a communication from Councilmembers Buscaino and Englander was submitted to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee (Committee) relative to the Save Our Streets LA (SOSLA) program (formerly known as the Los Angeles Emergency Local Street Safety and Traffic Improvement Measure). This document contained an update on the outreach initiatives undertaken and included 24 detailed recommendations that were created based upon the input received from the public. The Committee moved to approve the recommendations at its August 7, 2013 regular meeting. On August 21, 2013, City Council adopted the Committee Report, requesting the submission of a comprehensive report from the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) within 45 days.

Item A of the Committee Report instructs the CAO and CLA, with the assistance of the Department of Public Works, Bureaus of Street Services (BSS) and Engineering (BOE), to report back with more detail on the funding requirement to achieve an overall average Citywide street system pavement grade of B or better, with further breakdown of analysis by Select Streets versus Residential Streets. The CAO and CLA have begun meeting with the various City departments necessary to prepare this report back, and have determined that our offices will need to consult with an independent civil engineering design expert to verify the assumptions used by the Bureau of Street Services to estimate the magnitude of the work program and the three billion dollar cost amount. Some of the factors that may impact prior assumptions include future materials costs, labor rates, administrative and support costs to manage a work program of this size, and contingency.

The BOE has a list of Pre-Qualified On-Call Consultants for civil design services that are qualified to

perform the services required by the City. The BOE would need to issue a Task Order Solicitation to identify a consulting firm to begin the work. A total of \$200,000 in uncommitted funds are available for this purpose within the Engineering Special Services Fund, Fund 682.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Authorize the City Engineer to issue a Task Order Solicitation to the Engineering Pre-Qualified On-Call Consultant List for an independent review of the City work program and cost estimate for Save Our Streets Los Angeles and further authorize the City Engineer to execute a Contract with the highest rated respondent in an amount not to exceed \$200,000;
2. Subject to the approval of the Mayor, instruct the City Engineer and request the Controller to appropriate \$200,000 available cash from within the Engineering Special Services Fund, Fund 682, Department 50, to a new Account (Account number to be determined) entitled "SOSLA"; and,
3. Authorize the City Engineer, with the concurrence of the City Administrative Officer, to make any technical corrections required to carry out the intent of the Council and Mayor.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommendations in this report. A maximum of \$200,000 will be spent from the Engineering Special Services Fund. These recommendations are in compliance with the City Financial Policies in that uncommitted funds from the Engineering Special Services Fund are available to support the cost of the consultant contract.