PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program and establishment of a grant receivable account.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TOT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the Director of Planning to execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for grants to the Department of City Planning (DCP) approved in the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a \$491,770 Grant Receivable Account and an Appropriation Unit No. 68L208, entitled "Planning for Infill", within DCP Grant Trust Fund No. 46Y/68, for reimbursement and disbursement of the grant funds.
  - b. Appropriate a funding advance of \$200,000 from the Reserve Fund to Fund No. 100/68, Account No. 3040 for Fiscal Year 2014-15.
- 3. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer to prepare a report analyzing the impact of the funding advance on the Reserve Fund.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The DCP reports that the City would be required to pay consultant invoices in advance of reimbursement by the Strategic Growth Council for the \$491,700 to be spent over a three year period. DCP and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) are including in the scope of work additional consultant services that are necessary to implement the changes in the transportation review process pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The additional services include updating the City's travel demand model, establishing cost recoverable fees, as well as staff training and outreach efforts. The funding required for the complete program is estimated not to exceed \$800,000, which requires approximately \$310,000 above grant award. The net difference of \$310,000 would be allocated through money set aside in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 DCP budget from Measure R local return. In addition, the City will provide in kind staff support from both DCP and LADOT to manage this program. The staff positions are generally funded through the City's special transportation funds, such as Measure R and Proposition C.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## <u>Summary</u>

At a regular meeting held on December 16, 2014, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered a DCP report relative to the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained in the DCP report as well as a the Reserve Fund advance and instructed the City Administrative Officer to prepare a report analyzing the impact of the funding advance on the Reserve Fund. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

## Respectfully Submitted,

## PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

 
 MEMBER
 VOTE

 HUIZAR:
 YES

 CEDILLO:
 YES

 ENGLANDER:
 ABSENT

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 Yes

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