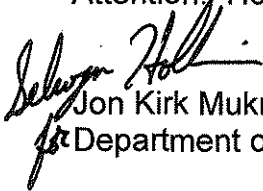


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: May 19, 2014

To: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From:  Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager
for Department of Transportation

Subject: **AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) FOR THE EXPRESS LANES NET TOLL REVENUE RE-INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is requesting authority to submit grant applications for Metro's Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program for seven projects that are listed in the table included in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. APPROVE the list of projects as the City's priorities for funding;
2. DIRECT the General Manager of LADOT, on behalf of the City to submit grant applications for all recommended projects in the final list of projects to Metro for possible funding.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of LADOT or Director or General Manager of the lead City Department 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 City approved in the Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program.

DISCUSSION

The objective of the Program is to increase mobility and person throughput through a series of integrated strategies including Active Transportation and Transit Use within the corridors of the I-110 and I-10. An estimated \$16 to \$19 million in revenue is available

for both corridors in three categories: System Connectivity/Active Transportation, Transit Uses, and Highway Improvements. Sixty percent of these funds are available for the I-110 and forty percent for the I-10. Forty percent of the total funding is available for System Connectivity/Active Transportation, forty percent is for Transit Use, and the remaining twenty percent is available for Highway Improvements. The City of Los Angeles has identified seven projects to complete in this grant opportunity.

Last October, Mayor Garcetti introduced a motion to the Metro Board, instructing Metro staff to take the steps to establish a regional bike sharing program for Los Angeles County. Staff responded recommending the development of a pilot project to be implemented along the spine of the Light Rail Transit system, including Downtown Los Angeles in the pilot. Local participating agencies will be required to submit matching funds to partner in the project. Metro, with the Council's support, will be submitting a grant application on behalf of the City in the amount of \$2.177 million to the Express Lanes grant to satisfy the City's matching funds for the pilot project.

Metro requires applications to be submitted on Friday, May 30, 2014. LADOT is seeking Council approval so that applying departments can complete the applications and required submittal materials to Metro before the deadline.

The projects to be submitted for funding are as follows:

Rank	Project Name	Project Description	Funding Request
System Connectivity/Active Transportation Modal Category			
1	Cesar Chavez Great Streets Project	The grant application would fund capital improvements to the Cesar Chavez streetscape between Evergreen and Lorena/Indiana. The improvements would include enhancement to pedestrian safety and the pedestrian realm, wayfinding, and placemaking. The grant would complement the City's existing plans for the westerly portion of Cesar Chavez that is seeking Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds through the ATP's Cycle 1.	\$1,000,000 for capital improvements associated with the Great Streets Initiative.

2	Budlong Avenue Bicycle Friendly Street	The project will build upon outreach work done with a Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) grant with the LACBC and Trust South LA for the 2010 Bicycle Plan Bicycle Friendly Street (BFS) projects in South Los Angeles. The project will include traffic calming treatments on Budlong Avenue from Gage to Exposition to discourage speeding automobiles and cut through traffic in the neighborhood and encourage safe walking and bicycling particularly near schools, libraries and parks.	\$2,250,000 for transportation improvements and traffic calming measures to support safe bicycling and walking for transportation on Budlong Avenue between Gage and Exposition.
3	My Figueroa Streetscape Project - Marketing and Education	The grant application would fund a marketing and safety campaign for the My Figueroa Streetscape Project (Project). The marketing campaign would alert area commuters of the Project construction and future operation of Figueroa and encourage alternate travel modes and routes. The safety campaign would rely on videos, workshops and field exercises to educate potential new and existing bicyclists of the safe operation of the City's first cycle track. The City would look to partner with USC and the LACBC.	\$150,000 for a safety and marketing campaign as part of the My Figueroa Streetscape Project.
Transit Uses Modal Category			
1	Commuter Express Service Expansion to Alleviate Auto Congestion on Harbor	The project will build upon the highly successful Commuter Express Route 438 service which uses the Century and	\$880,000 to pay for one new Commuter Express bus and additional transit operating costs

	Freeway	Harbor Freeway to speed South Bay commuters to jobs at USC/Expo Park and in Downtown LA in the morning and back in the afternoon. The funding will be used to purchase one new Commuter Express bus and extend several AM and PM trips from the overcrowded Imperial & Aviation Park & Ride to the underutilized Redondo Beach Green Line Station, extending Commuter Express service to new residential areas and to add operate additional trips from the Redondo Beach Station to Downtown LA.	for Commuter Express trips to/from new park & ride lot. (Extension of existing trips and addition of new trips)
Highway Improvements Modal Category			
1	New traffic signals and left turn phasing in South Los Angeles	The proposed project will install four new traffic signals and upgrade four existing signalized intersections to include left turn phasing and new cameras.	\$1,500,000 to pay for the design and implementation of four new traffic signals and left turn phasing at four additional intersections in South Los Angeles to better manage the demand to and from the I-110 Freeway
2	ATSAC Infrastructure Communication Systems Enhancements along I-110 Freeway	The proposed project will provide for an enhanced ITS communication systems for the sole purpose of creating redundant communication paths utilized to support the real-time transit signal priority operations of both Metro Rapid Bus and Light-Rail transit corridors along the I-110 Freeway	\$1,500,000 to fund a Signal Systems Communications Redundancy Path for Transit Priority Systems: Broadway, Vermont Avenue, and Western Avenue Metro Rapid Bus Corridors; and Signal Systems Communications Supplementary Path

			that links to Caltrans Dynamic Corridor Congestion Management (DCCM) Work Scope
3	ATSAC Infrastructure Communication Systems Enhancements along I-10 Freeway	The proposed project will provide for an enhanced ITS communication systems for the sole purpose of creating redundant communication paths utilized to support the real-time transit signal priority operations of both Metro Rapid Bus and Light-Rail transit corridors along the I-110 Freeway	\$1,000,000 to fund Signal Systems Communications Redundancy Path for the Metro Gold Line Pasadena Segment in Highland Park; and Eastside Segment in Boyle Heights; and Signal Systems Communications Redundancy Path for Transit Priority Systems: Soto Street and Cesar Chavez Avenue Metro Rapid Bus Corridors

Fiscal Impact

There will be no impact to the City’s general fund as no matching funds are required for the funding application. However, projects will provide funding match via staff time which is generally funded through the City’s special transportation funds (Prop A, C and/or Measure R) outreach efforts of project partners. Projects will include an in-kind funding match of staff time and quantify outreach efforts that continue to be conducted through the lives of the projects.

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