

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to utilizing Community Redevelopment Agency Los Angeles (CRA/LA) Excess Bond Proceeds from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area to implement streetscape improvements along grade school student commuter routes.

Recommendations for Council action pursuant to Motion (Blumenfield - Price):

1. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to utilize taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District Three, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area for the LADOT to implement streetscape improvements along grade school student commuter routes near Sherman Way, Reseda Boulevard, and/or the Los Angeles River in the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area.
2. INSTRUCT the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), LADOT, and any other applicable City Department, to report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee in regard to allocating taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 to implement streetscape improvements along grade school student commuter routes near Sherman Way, Reseda Boulevard, and/or the Los Angeles River in the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 27, 2017, your Committee considered a Motion (Blumenfield - Price) relative to utilizing CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area to implement streetscape improvements along grade school student commuter routes. According to the Motion, the communities of Reseda and Canoga Park contain historic central business districts that have, over the years, seen significant disinvestment. The former Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles established the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area covering portions of Reseda, Winnetka, and Canoga Park to provide for and facilitate the repair, restoration, demolition and/or replacement of property, areas, or facilities damaged as a result of the 1994 Northridge Earthquake.

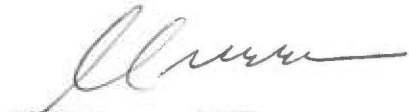
Improving the daily commuter safety of grade school students is a top priority in Council District Three. The City's participation in programs like Safe Routes to Schools are opportunities to make walking and bicycling to school safer and more accessible for children and their parents, including those with disabilities, and to increase the number of children who choose to walk and bicycle. Safe Routes to School programs also serve to enhance the health and well-being of children, help ease traffic congestion around schools, and improve air quality and, in turn, the quality of life of the surrounding community. These types of improvements are essential because, as the safety of walking and bicycling to school improves, it becomes more attractive as

a transit option and has the potential of spreading into other parts of the community including the commercial districts.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as detailed above.. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PRICE:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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