

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the utilization of \$645,000 in Community Redevelopment Agency Los Angeles (CRA/LA) Excess Bond Proceeds from the Adelante Eastside Project Area for the Breed Street and Sheridan Street Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project.

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

1. APPROVE \$645,000 in CRA/LA/ Excess Bond Proceeds to Council District 14 from the Adelante/Eastside Redevelopment Project Area within the Council District to be utilized for the Breed Street and Sheridan Street Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the availability of funds, to give the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) access to the CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds Fund No. 57D to process transactions related to the Breed Street and Sheridan Street Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project.
3. AUTHORIZE the LADOT to be the implementing department, and to expend funds up to \$645,000 from the CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds Fund No. 57D, Account No. 22L9AN, Adelante Eastside, 2009 Tax-Exempt Series D, for transactions related to the Breed Street and Sheridan Street Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project upon proper documentation and demand of the General Manager, Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), or designee, and pursuant to satisfactory review by the EWDD.
4. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments that may be required and are consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the November 16, 2017 CRA/LA BOC report, attached to the Council file, will have no impact on the General Fund. The CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds Fund No. 57D is funded solely from the transfer of approximately \$84.1 million in pre-2011 tax allocation bond proceeds from CRA/LA to the City (Council File No. 14-1174).

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 28, 2017, your Committee considered a November 16, 2017 CRA/LA BOC report relative to the utilization of \$645,000 in CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds from the Adelante Eastside Project Area for the Breed Street and Sheridan Street Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project. According to the CRA/LA BOC, on August 15, 2017, Council adopted a Motion (Huizar - Harris-Dawson) seeking to appropriate up to \$450,000 in tax-exempt EBP available to CD 14. However, the cost estimate for the sidewalk and retaining wall has increased by \$195,000. Due to the complexities of the project, delivering the grant-specified scope of work cannot be achieved within the existing budget, thus the need for the total

appropriation to increase to \$645,000 to infill the funding gap.

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project is a \$5.1 million Active Transportation Program grant funded through the State of California. SRTS aims to create low-stress, neighborhood friendly pedestrian and bicycle linkages along several streets serving the Breed Street and Sheridan Street Elementary Schools in the Boyle Heights community. Network level improvements will be focused within 1/4 mile of each school. The intent is to enhance safety for walking and bicycling to school, promote a traffic-calmed environment that increases safety for all modes, create a low-stress network of streets as an alternative to major arterial to serve people of all ages and abilities, facilitate crossings over busy and wide arterials, and improve overall bicycle and pedestrian network connectivity. The much needed safety improvements and countermeasures adjacent to the Breed Street and Sheridan Street Elementary Schools include 2 mini-roundabouts, curb extensions, speed bumps, sidewalk repair, street tree upgrades, installation and repair of curb ramps where missing, rectangular rapid flashing beacon crossing, embedded bicycle boxes and loop detectors, two new traffic signals, and traffic-calming roundabouts. Also included are shared lane markings or installed sharrow markings per City standard along lengths of Bicycle Friendly Street network within project area, connecting to nearest existing or planned bicycle facility, continental crosswalks with limit lines (standard upgrades to existing marked crosswalks throughout), road diet and new bicycle lanes for a 2-mile segment of Soto Street, and crossing and signal improvements at offset intersections.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the November 16, 2017 CRA/LA BOC report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

PRICE: YES

BUSCAINO: YES

HUIZAR: YES

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