

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to utilizing Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds (EBP) for the Vermont Public Improvements Project (Project) within the East Hollywood/Beverly Normandie Redevelopment Project Area.

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

1. DETERMINE that the Project consisting of allocating and withholding expenditure of funds for Project pending the completion, review and consideration of planning and environmental documents related to the installation a new traffic signal, curb ramps, street lighting and ADA improvements, is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) because it merely creates a funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity that does not commit the City to a project that may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and that preparing preliminary planning and environmental documents is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) because it is an administrative activity that will not result in physical changes in the environment.
2. APPROVE up to \$1,107,327 in taxable CRA/LA EBP plus all earned interest available to Council District Four from the East Hollywood/Beverly Normandie Redevelopment Project Area to be utilized for the Project.
3. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to be the implementing department for activities related to Project.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer appropriations within the CRA/LA EBP Fund No. 57D as follows:

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From: 22L9EN East Hollywood/Beverly-Normandie Tax Exempt	\$1,048,579.27
To: 22L9ET East Hollywood/Beverly-Normandie Taxable	\$1,048,579.27

5. AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the requirements below and the availability of funds and a duly executed and encumbered contract(s), to expend up to \$1,107,327 from the CRA/LA EBP Fund No. 57D, Account Nos. 22L9ET and 22S9ET East Hollywood/Beverly Normandie Taxable, for activities related to the Project upon presentation of proper documentation from the BSS, and satisfactory review by Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Expenditure Agreement.
6. AUTHORIZE the BSS to perform limited preliminary planning as may be necessary to conduct the environmental review for the Project from the above-noted funds allocated to the Project.
7. INSTRUCT the BSS to withhold expending, or committing to expend, any of the remainder of the above-noted funds allocated to the Project until all of the following have occurred:

- a. The BSS has completed the preliminary planning documents and environmental review documents.
 - b. The City has complied with CEQA requirements with respect to the Project, including obtaining any necessary CEQA clearances.
 - c. The Board of Public Works has considered and approved the Project for expenditure of the remaining funds.
8. INSTRUCT the BSS to transmit copies of all executed contract(s) for Project to EWDD.
 9. INSTRUCT the BSS to expend the CRA/LA EBP allocation no later than September 30, 2024 pursuant to a duly executed and valid contract.
 10. INSTRUCT the BSS to report on its work accomplishments to the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and fund expenditures to EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis.
 11. AUTHORIZE the Interim 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 CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee reports that there is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed appropriation of CRA/LA EBP. The CRA/LA EBP Fund No. 57D is funded solely from three transfers totaling approximately \$88.4 million in pre-2011 tax allocation bond proceeds from CRA/LA to the City. Said transfers have been deposited with the Controller.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on August 13, 2019, your Economic Development Committee considered a CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee report relative to utilizing CRA/LA EBP for the Vermont Public Improvements Project within the East Hollywood/Beverly Normandie Redevelopment Project Area. The EWDD reports that that up to \$1,107,327 in taxable EBP plus Interest in the Project Area be allocated to BSS to implement public improvements on Vermont Avenue. Promise Zone Program projects to fund opportunities for public improvements where the proposed Project is located, was identified as a potential project in the Project Area's Bond Spending Plan that was adopted by Council on June 24, 2015 (Council file No. 14-1174). Sufficient funds for this purpose are available from Council District Four's share of EBP in the Project Area. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee's recommendations, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
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PRICE:	YES
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BUSCAINO:	YES
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RODRIGUEZ:	YES
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ME 8/13/19

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