

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

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

1. DETERMINE that the Project, consisting of appropriating and withholding expenditure of funds for the Project pending the completion, review and consideration of planning and environmental documents related to sidewalk and intersection improvements in the Adelante Eastside Redevelopment Project Area, 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 governmental 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 \$31,267 in taxable, and \$94,262 in tax-exempt CRA/LA EBP for a combined total of \$125,529 plus all earned interest (Interest) available to Council District One from the Adelante Eastside Redevelopment Project Area to be utilized for the Project.
3. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to be the implementing department for the Project.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the conditions below and availability of funds and duly executed and encumbered contract(s) no later than November 30, 2019, to expend up to \$31,267 plus Interest from the EBP Fund No, 57D, Account Nos. 22L9AT and/or 22S9AT Adelante Eastside Taxable Series 2005-B and 2007-C, and \$94,262 plus Interest from Account Nos. 22L9AN and/or 22S9AN Adelante Eastside Tax-Exempt Series 2009-D, for activities related to the Project upon presentation of proper documentation by the BSS, and satisfactory review and approval of the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Expenditure Agreement.
5. 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 appropriated to the Project.
6. 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.

7. INSTRUCT the BSS to expend the CRA/LA EBP allocation no later than September 30, 2024.
8. INSTRUCT the BSS to report on its work accomplishments to the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and fund expenditures to the EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis.
9. 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 two transfers totaling approximately \$86 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 September 10, 2019, your Economic Development Committee considered a CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee report relative to utilizing CRA/LA EBP for the Project within the Adelante Eastside Redevelopment Project Area. The EWDD reports that, the original Motion, attached to the Council file, requested that all remaining taxable and tax-exempt EBP plus Interest in the Project Area within Council District One be appropriated to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to implement various public improvements necessary to enhance pedestrian safety. Pursuant to subsequent discussions, the BSS was designated as the lead department to oversee the Project. Public improvements in the form of sidewalk repairs on Alhambra Avenue and crosswalk and intersection improvements were 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 One's portion of EBP in this 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>
PRICE:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES