

MOTION

Improving the daily commuter safety of grade school students is a top priority throughout the City of Los Angeles. The City's participation in programs like Safe Routes to Schools is an opportunity 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.

A number of streets near schools located in Council District 1 and the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area have been identified as in need of repair in order to improve the daily commuter safety of students. These schools have been identified by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation as among the Top 50 LAUSD Schools with the Most Need for a Safe Routes to School project. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, the repair and installation of sidewalks, ADA ramps, signage, crosswalks, and cross lights. The schools identified for potential involvement in a Safe Routes to School program are:

- Charles White Elementary School, located at 2401 Wilshire Boulevard
- Hoover Street Elementary School, located at 2726 Francis Avenue
- Leo Politi Elementary School, located at 2481 West 11th Street
- Esperanza Elementary School, located at 680 Little Street
- John Leichty Middle School, located at 650 South Union Avenue
- MacArthur Park Visual and Performing Arts Elementary, located at 2300 7th Street

Funds are available to Council District 1 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds from the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area that can help fund the Westlake Safe Routes to School Project. In accordance with policies adopted by Council (C.F. 14-1174) related to the CRA/LA Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan, any proposal to expend CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds shall be initiated by Council Motion. Proposals will be reviewed by the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee, Economic Development Committee, and any other applicable committee with final recommendations presented to the Council and Mayor for final consideration and approval. The use of taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds towards a Safe Routes to School project for the identified schools in the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area is identified as an eligible project in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Department of Transportation, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate \$450,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 1, for the purpose of implementing the Westlake Safe Routes to School project as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$450,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 1 from the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area, be utilized by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to fund the Westlake Safe Routes to School project upon Council's approval of the forthcoming EWDD report.


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