

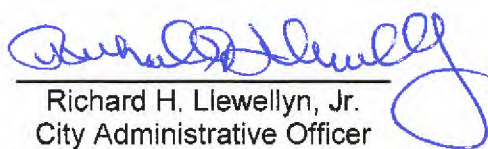
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TRANSMITTAL

TO Council	DATE 06-28-19	COUNCIL FILE NO. 14-1174-S76
FROM CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee		COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

At its regular meeting on June 27, 2019, the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee approved recommendations in the attached Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) report and instructed staff to transmit to Council for consideration. Council approval of the report recommendations would authorize the appropriation of up to \$450,000, plus all earned interest, in CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds from the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area (Taxable Series 2006-A and 2008-B) for the Westlake Safe Routes to School Project.

Fiscal Impact Statement: There is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed appropriation. The CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bonds Proceeds 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. (C.F. 14-1174) Said transfers have been deposited with the Office of the Controller.


Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr.
City Administrative Officer
Chair, CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee

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Attachment – June 27, 2019 EWDD Report – Westlake Safe Routes to School Project

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

JOHN L. REAMER, JR.
INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

Item 7

ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1200 W. 7TH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017

June 27, 2019

Council File:14-1174-S76
Council District No.: 1
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CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee
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Office of the City Administrative Officer
Room 1500, City Hall East

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TRANSMITTAL: REQUEST REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION THAT COUNCIL AND MAYOR, AS REQUIRED, APPROPRIATE UP TO \$450,000 PLUS ALL EARNED INTEREST IN CRA/LA EXCESS NON-HOUSING BOND PROCEEDS FROM THE WESTLAKE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (TAXABLE SERIES 2006-A AND 2008-B) FOR THE WESTLAKE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

The Interim General Manager of the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) requests your review, approval and processing of the recommendations in this transmittal to the Mayor and City Council for their review and consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim General Manager of EWDD, or designee, requests that the Bond Oversight Committee recommend that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor as required:

1. DETERMINE that the Westlake Safe Routes To School Project (Project), consisting of installation of continental crosswalks, curb ramps, interim pedestrian median, interim curb extensions, traffic signal, conversion of Little Street from two-way to one-way, pedestrian activated flashing beacon plus related signage and striping, is categorically exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c). The Project is also exempt under the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines Article III, Class 1, Categories 3 and 15;
2. APPROVE up to \$450,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds (EBP) plus all earned interest (Interest) available to Council District (CD) 1 from the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area) to be utilized for the Project;

3. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to be the implementing department, to project manage design and implement activities to effectuate Project;
4. AUTHORIZE LADOT to negotiate and execute any contract and/or amendment(s) and related documents as necessary no later than September 30, 2019 with KOA Corporation (Contractor); Contract No. C-128931 (Contract) and/or other duly procured qualified contractor(s) to prepare the final design for select treatments of Project;
5. DIRECT LADOT to transmit copies of all executed contract(s) under Project to EWDD;
6. DIRECT LADOT to file both CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Attachments 2 and 3) with the City Clerk and Los Angeles County Clerk upon Council approval;
7. AUTHORIZE LADOT to expend the EBP appropriation no later than September 30, 2024;
8. DIRECT LADOT to report on its work accomplishments to the Office of the City Administrator Officer (CAO), and fund expenditures to EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis;
9. AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the availability of funds and a duly executed and encumbered contract and/or amendment, to expend up to \$450,000 plus Interest from the EBP Fund No. 57D, Account No. 22L9ST and 22S9ST Westlake Taxable Series 2006-A and 2008-B, for activities related to Project upon presentation of proper documentation by LADOT, and satisfactory review and approval of EWDD in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Expenditure Agreement (BEA); and
10. AUTHORIZE the Interim General Manager of 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.

SUMMARY

Transmitted herewith for your review, approval, and further processing are recommendations pursuant to a CD 1 Motion (Cedillo-Huizar) (Attachment 1) which was adopted by Council on June 12, 2019 (C.F. 14-1174-S76).

This transmittal recommends that up to \$450,000 in taxable EBP plus Interest in the Project Area within CD 1 be allocated to LADOT for Safe Routes to School improvements at Esperanza Elementary School (Esperanza) and Charles White Elementary School (Charles White). Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Improvement Program at both schools was listed as a potential project in the Project Area's Bond Spending Plan (BSP) that was adopted by Council on June 24, 2015 (C.F. 14-1174). Sufficient funds for this purpose are available from CD 1's portion of EBP plus Interest in this Project Area.

The original taxable EBP available to CD 1 in Project Area was \$3,973,267. After the 16% (\$635,723) administrative appropriation, there remained \$3,337,544 in the Project Area available to CD 1. This transmittal's proposed \$450,000 in taxable EBP, along with three (3) pending motions, will completely exhaust CD 1's EBP in the Project Area.

EWDD ANALYSIS

EWDD met with CD 1 and LADOT regarding Project. LADOT will serve as project manager who will oversee final design and project implementation in partnership with the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA). If necessary, LADOT may use EBP to engage Contractor to prepare the final design of selected treatments for Project. Contractor was competitively procured by LADOT to prepare conceptual Safe Routes to School Plans for 50 schools deemed to have the most considerable needs. Esperanza and Charles White ranked No. 2 and No. 14 respectively. Should LADOT utilize Contractor to expand the current scope (30% design plans) toward final design, LADOT will amend its Contract C-128931 with Contractor to include the design task for Project.

The initial cost estimate for Project is \$653,711 which will be 100% funded by CD 1's EBP plus Interest (through March 31, 2019) in the Project Area. Breakdown of the estimated budget per school and StreetsLA's participation is as follows:

Esperanza Cost Estimate

New traffic signal	\$325,000
Crosswalks	\$6,500
Curb Ramps	\$12,000
Curb Extensions	\$29,140
Pedestrian Median	\$40,000
Pedestrian Activated Flashing Beacons	\$25,000
Signage and Striping	\$50,000
Surveys	\$2,500
Design	\$8,000
Construction Management	\$9,000
Mobilization	\$20,100
Traffic Control	\$8,000
Contingency (10%)	<u>\$53,524</u>
Total Esperanza Cost Estimate	588,764

Of the \$588,764 initial cost estimate for Esperanza, \$99,740 will be allocated to StreetsLA to implement their portion of improvements as follows:

StreetsLA Cost Estimate – Esperanza

Curb Ramps	\$12,000
Curb Extensions	\$29,140
Pedestrian Median	\$40,000
Construction Management	\$5,000
Mobilization	\$5,000
Contingency (10%)	<u>\$8,600</u>
Total StreetsLA Cost Estimate for Esperanza	\$99,740

Charles White Cost Estimate

Raised Crosswalk	\$42,386
Signage and Striping	\$6,000
Mobilization	\$7,100
Traffic Control	\$3,000
Contingency (10%)	<u>\$6,461</u>
Total Charles White Cost Estimate	\$64,947

Esperanza	\$588,764
Charles White	<u>\$64,947</u>
Total Taxable EBP Costs Estimate	\$653,711

Upon Council adoption and City compliance with CEQA, design will begin in Fall 2019. Construction will commence in Winter 2020, with completion targeted for Spring 2020.

Contract and/or amendment must be executed and encumbered no later than September 30, 2019 with EBP appropriation fully expended no later than September 30, 2024. Deliverables and/or activity reports showing percentages of completion must accompany LADOT's original signed off invoices to be submitted to EWDD. Disbursements will be authorized pursuant to receipt and satisfactory review by EWDD to ensure compliance with bond covenants and BEA, and that the approved charges adhere to the spending categories and amounts outlined in this transmittal.

LADOT will report on its work accomplishments to CAO, and report fund expenditures to EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis for their respective reporting to the BOC, Mayor and CRA/LA.

BENEFITS TO THE AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES

Traffic collisions are the leading cause of death for youth ages 5-14 in Los Angeles. The Project's improvements will increase safety for children, caretakers, and school staff within the Westlake community by improving safety conditions for those who walk to and from school. The Project will enhance safety on key routes to both Charles White and Esperanza by adding new traffic signals, crosswalks, curbs ramps, curb extensions, signage, and a reconfigured traffic operation on Esperanza's Little Street entrance. Safety enhancements reduce traffic collisions, while comfortable pedestrian and bicycle environments encourage more walking to school which contributes to improved health and well-being.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department and LADOT provided the environmental analysis and NOEs below and attached:

The Project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) as it consists of installation of continental crosswalks, curb ramps, interim pedestrian median, interim curb extensions, traffic signal, conversion of street from two-way to one-way, pedestrian activated flashing beacon plus related signage and striping. The Project intends to address transportation conflicts related to pedestrian and vehicle movements near

Esperanza and Charles White. The operation, repair, maintenance incur minor alteration to existing street, sidewalk and gutter, and involves negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource.

The Project is also exempt pursuant to City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines Article III, Class 1, Categories 3 and 15 consisting of installation of traffic signs, signals and pavement markings, including traffic channelization using paint and raised pavement markers. CEQA NOEs for Charles White (Attachment 2) and Esperanza (Attachment 3) will be filed with the City Clerk and Los Angeles County Clerk upon Council approval.

CAO COVENANT REVIEW

The CAO has completed its review of the original bond documents and covenants, and has found that the proposed use of excess bond proceeds, as presented, is consistent with those covenants.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed appropriation of CRA/LA EBP. The CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bonds Proceeds Fund No. 57D is funded solely from transfers of approximately \$86 million in pre-2011 tax allocation bond proceeds from CRA/LA to the City (C.F. 14-1174 and 14-1174-S36). Said Transfers have been deposited with the Office of the Controller.



JOHN L. REAMER, JR.
Interim General Manager

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Motion (Cedillo-Huizar) C. F. 11-1174-S76
 2. Charles White CEQA NOE (To be filed by LADOT)
 3. Esperanza CEQA NOE (To be filed by LADOT)

MOTION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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 Leitchy 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.

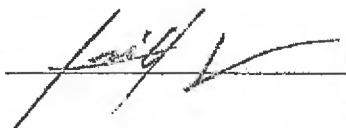
I FURTHER MOVE that \$450,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 1 from the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area, be utilized by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to fund the Westlake Safe Routes to School project upon Council's approval of the forthcoming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

PRESENTED BY



GILBERT A. CEDILLO
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY



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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: The project is exempt under <i>City CEQA Guidelines</i> and Section 15301 of the <i>State CEQA Guidelines</i> . <i>City CEQA Guidelines</i> Class 1(3) states a project is exempt if it involves the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalk, and gutter involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource. Further, <i>City CEQA Guidelines</i> Class 1(15) exempts the installation of traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings, including traffic channelization using paint and raised pavement markers. None of the limitations set forth in <i>State CEQA Guidelines</i> 15300.2 apply. See attached narrative (Attachment A) for further discussion.																				
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DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk, (2) City Clerk, (3) Agency Record

Attachment A

Charles White Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project

I. Project Description

The proposed project consists of two transportation safety elements to be installed on Carondonlet Street between 6th Street and Wilshire Boulevard in the vicinity of Charles White Elementary School. The project intends to address transportation conflicts related to pedestrian and vehicle movements by implementing the below roadway changes:

- **Raised Crosswalk:**
 - Carondonlet Street between 6th Street and Wilshire Boulevard
- **Curb Ramp Upgrades:**
 - Carondonlet Street between 6th Street and Wilshire Boulevard

II. Project History

The project intends to facilitate safe passage for pedestrian users, particularly for parents and children traveling to and from Charles White Elementary as part of a "Safe Routes to School" project. The project elements were selected to respond to concerns LADOT SRTS program staff identified with the support of community members in March 2018.

III. Environmental Review

Basis for Categorical Exemption

A project qualifies for a Class 1, Category 3 and Class 1(c) exemption if it consists of operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing street, sidewalk and gutter involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource. Further, a project qualifies for a Class 1, Category 15 exemption if it consists of the installation of traffic signs, signals and pavement markings, including traffic channelization using paint and raised pavement markers.

Consideration of Potential Exceptions to use of a Categorical Exemption

The State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Sec 15300.2) limit the use of categorical exemptions in the following circumstances:

1. Location. Exemption Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particular sensitive environment. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The project is exempt under Class 1 (existing facility), therefore, this exemption has no application here.

2. Cumulative Impact. This exemption applies when, although a particular project may not have a significant impact, the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

While other similar projects are occurring elsewhere in the City, they have been determined to be happening in different neighborhoods, locations, and times. Given the nature of the project, it is not anticipated to result in a cumulative impact when included with successive projects in the same place and over time.

3. Significant Effect. This exception applies when, although the project may otherwise be exempt, there is a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.

Aesthetics

This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a visual resource. As stated in the Section I. *Project Description*, the project only consists of installing a mid-block raised crosswalks, curb ramp upgrades, and related signage and striping on one block of Carondelet Street between 8th Street and Wilshire Boulevard in the vicinity of Charles White Elementary School in Council District 1. The locations consist of corridors with existing traffic signals, crosswalks, roadway markings and features. As such, this exception does not apply.

Noise

The work shall be performed in accordance with Ordinance No. 144.331, "Noise Regulation" in Chapter XI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code of March 1982. As such, this exception does not apply.

Biological Resources

The proposed project does not involve the loss or alteration to any biological resources. As such, this exception does not apply.

Traffic/Transportation

The work shall be performed in accordance with work area traffic control handbook (WATCH). City construction crews will coordinate with schools and Department of Transportation according to WATCH and provide flaggers when required. When the activity site encroaches upon a sidewalk, walkway or crosswalk area, pedestrians shall be provided advance warning if they are detoured away from the activity site. Advance notification of sidewalk closures shall be provided according to WATCH. At least one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times.

Standard conditions and construction practices are anticipated for this project. No unusual construction noise or traffic effects are anticipated. The project elements are expected to result in reducing conflicts of vehicles and pedestrians by providing greater protective crossing control, and will not materially alter transportation patterns that would result in an impact under CEQA. No reasonable possibility has been identified that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. As such, this exception does not apply.

4. Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

There are no historical and scenic features or a scenic highway in the immediate vicinity of the project locations, as such this exception does not apply.

5. Hazardous Waste Sites. This exception applies when a project is located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5.

As of June 3, 2019, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) data management system (<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>) does not reflect sites of concern in the immediate area in which the project will take place.¹ All project work will be limited to minor curb ramp upgrades, raised crosswalk installation, striping and signage changes, and road work within existing right-of-way. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

6. Historical Resources. This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The addition of a raised crosswalk and related signage, striping, and curb ramp work will not affect any known local historical resources. The proposed Project would occur on existing streets and with no more than two feet in depth of excavation. The depth of demolition and excavation is not anticipated to exceed the depth of previously disturbed soil.

In case of any historical artifacts being encountered, City Engineer Standard Specifications, Section 6-3.2, (Greenbook, 2012) states: "If discovery is made of items of archaeological or paleontological interest, the Contractor shall immediately cease excavation in the area of discovery and shall not continue until ordered by the Engineer." Therefore, during activities in which there will be ground disturbances (i.e., digging, drilling, etc.) if any evidence of archaeological, cultural, or paleontological resources are found, all work within the vicinity of the find shall stop until a qualified archaeologist can assess the finds and make recommendations. No excavation of any finds should be attempted by project personnel unless directed by a qualified archaeologist. Construction activities may continue in other areas. If the discovery proves significant under CEQA (Section 15064.5f; Public Resources Code or PRC 21082), additional work such as testing or data recovery may be warranted.

The discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground disturbances; State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the Los Angeles County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to PRC Section 5097.98. The Los Angeles County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. If the human remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission, which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The MLD shall complete the inspection of the site within 48 hours of notification and may recommend scientific removal and nondestructive analysis of human remains and items associated with Native American burials.

In case of unforeseen discovery of cultural resources, measures are in place to manage unanticipated cultural resource finds or discovery of human remains. Therefore, no substantial adverse impact to cultural resources is anticipated.

¹ California Department of Toxic Substance Control, EnviroStor Hazardous Waste and Substance Site List <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/> Accessed June 3, 2019

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Class <u>1</u> Category <u>1(3), 1(15)</u> (City CEQA Guidelines)		
OTHER (See California Code of Regulations Sec. 15269)		
JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION: The project is exempt under <i>City CEQA Guidelines</i> and Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines. <i>City CEQA Guidelines</i> Class 1(3) states a project is exempt if it involves the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalk, and gutter involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource. Further, <i>City CEQA Guidelines</i> Class 1(15) exempts the installation of traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings including traffic channelization using paint and raised pavement markers. None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 153000.2 apply. See attached narrative (Attachment A) for further discussion.		
IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING		
SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE

DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk, (2) City Clerk, (3) Agency Record

Attachment A

Esperanza Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project

I. Project Description

The proposed project consists of seven transportation safety elements to be installed across 4 locations in the vicinity of Esperanza Elementary School. The project intends to address transportation conflicts related to pedestrian and vehicle movements by implementing the below roadway changes:

- Traffic Signal
 - Wilshire Boulevard and Little Street
- Continental Crosswalks:
 - 7th Street and Beacon Avenue
 - 7th Street and Little Street
 - Little Street between 7th Street and Wilshire Boulevard
 - Wilshire Boulevard and Little Street
- Painted Curb Extensions:
 - 7th Street and Beacon Avenue
 - 7th Street and Little Street
- Conversion from two-way to one-way travel:
 - Little Street between 7th Street and Wilshire Boulevard
- Curb Ramp Upgrades:
 - Little Street between 7th Street and Wilshire Boulevard
 - Wilshire Boulevard and Little Street
- Pedestrian Activated Flashing Beacon:
 - 7th Street and Beacon Avenue
- Painted Pedestrian Median:
 - Little Street between 7th Street and Wilshire Boulevard

II. Project History

The project intends to facilitate safe passage for pedestrian users, particularly for parents and children traveling to and from Esperanza Elementary as part of a "Safe Routes to School" project. The project elements were selected to respond to concerns LADOT SRTS program staff identified with the support of community members in October 2017.

III. Environmental Review

Basis for Categorical Exemption

A project qualifies for a Class 1, Category 3 and Class 1(c) exemption if it consists of operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing street, sidewalk and gutter involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and does not involve the removal of a scenic resource. Further, a project qualifies for a Class 1, Category 15 exemption if it consists of the installation of traffic signs, signals and pavement markings, including traffic channelization using paint and raised pavement markers.

Consideration of Potential Exceptions to use of a Categorical Exemption

The State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Sec 15300.2) limit the use of categorical exemptions in the following circumstances:

1. Location. Exemption Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particular sensitive environment. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The project is exempt under Class 1 (existing facility), therefore, this exemption has no application here.

2. Cumulative Impact. This exemption applies when, although a particular project may not have a significant impact, the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

While other similar projects are occurring elsewhere in the City, they have been determined to be happening in different neighborhoods, locations, and times. Given the nature of the project, it is not anticipated to result in a cumulative impact when included with successive projects in the same place and over time.

3. Significant Effect. This exception applies when, although the project may otherwise be exempt, there is a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.

Aesthetics

This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a visual resource. As stated in the Section I. *Project Description*, the project only consists of installing continental crosswalks, painted curb extensions, curb ramp upgrades, pedestrian activated flashing beacon, and painted pedestrian median across four separate locations in the vicinity of Esperanza Elementary School in Council District 1. The locations consist of corridors with existing traffic signals, crosswalks, roadway markings and features. As such, this exception does not apply.

Noise

The work shall be performed in accordance with Ordinance No. 144.331, "Noise Regulation" in Chapter XI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code of March 1982. As such, this exception does not apply.

Biological Resources

The proposed project does not involve the loss or alteration to any biological resources. As such, this exception does not apply.

Traffic/Transportation

The work shall be performed in accordance with work area traffic control handbook (WATCH). City construction crews will coordinate with schools and Department of Transportation according to WATCH and provide flaggers when required. When the activity site encroaches upon a sidewalk, walkway or crosswalk area, pedestrians shall be provided advance warning if they are detoured away from the activity site. Advance notification of sidewalk closures shall be provided according to WATCH. At least one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times.

Standard conditions and construction practices are anticipated for this project. No unusual construction noise or traffic effects are anticipated. The project elements are expected to result

in reducing conflicts of vehicles and pedestrians by providing greater protective crossing control, and will not materially alter transportation patterns that would result in an impact under CEQA. No reasonable possibility has been identified that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. As such, this exception does not apply.

4. Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

There are no historical and scenic features or a scenic highway in the immediate vicinity of the project locations, as such this exception does not apply.

5. Hazardous Waste Sites. This exception applies when a project is located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5.

As of June 3, 2019, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) data management system (<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>) does not reflect sites of concern in the immediate area in which the project will take place.¹ All project work will be limited to signal related work, minor striping and signage changes, and road work within existing right-of-way. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

6. Historical Resources. This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The addition of continental crosswalks, painted curb extensions, pedestrian activated flashing beacon, curb ramp upgrades, painted pedestrian median and conversion from two-way to one-way operation will not affect any known local historical resources. The proposed Project would occur on existing streets and with no more than four feet in depth of excavation. The depth of demolition and excavation is not anticipated to exceed the depth of previously disturbed soil.

In case of any historical artifacts being encountered, City Engineer Standard Specifications, Section 6-3.2, (Greenbook, 2012) states: "If discovery is made of items of archaeological or paleontological interest, the Contractor shall immediately cease excavation in the area of discovery and shall not continue until ordered by the Engineer." Therefore, during activities in which there will be ground disturbances (i.e., digging, drilling, etc.) if any evidence of archaeological, cultural, or paleontological resources are found, all work within the vicinity of the find shall stop until a qualified archaeologist can assess the finds and make recommendations. No excavation of any finds should be attempted by project personnel unless directed by a qualified archaeologist. Construction activities may continue in other areas. If the discovery proves significant under CEQA (Section 15084.5f; Public Resources Code or PRC 21082), additional work such as testing or data recovery may be warranted.

The discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground disturbances; State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the Los Angeles County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to PRC Section 5097.98. The Los Angeles County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. If the human remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission, which will determine and notify a Most Likely

¹ California Department of Toxic Substance Control, EnviroStor Hazardous Waste and Substance Site List <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/> Accessed June 3, 2019

Descendent (MLD). The MLD shall complete the inspection of the site within 48 hours of notification and may recommend scientific removal and nondestructive analysis of human remains and items associated with Native American burials.

In case of unforeseen discovery of cultural resources, measures are in place to manage unanticipated cultural resource finds or discovery of human remains. Therefore, no substantial adverse impact to cultural resources is anticipated.