


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: September 22, 2016

To: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta Reynolds,  General Manager
Department of Transportation

Subject: **FEDERAL EARMARK REPURPOSING REPORT BACK (CF 16-0698)**

SUMMARY

This report is in response to a council motion (CF 16-0698) instructing the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report in 90 days with more information on re-purposing federal earmark projects, and develop a list of replacement projects consistent with the goals and policies established in the council motion, in consultation with the affected council offices. LADOT, on behalf of the City, would then participate in Metro's Fund Exchange Program with the identified replacement projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Approve the attached list of replacement projects (Attachment A) as the City's priorities for Metro's Replacement Funding Exchange Program; and
2. Authorize the General Manager of LADOT, on behalf of the City, to execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for accepting these funds.

BACKGROUND

On June 13, 2016, the LADOT submitted a council report (CF 16-0698) seeking authorization to lead the City-wide effort in identifying unused federal earmark projects that qualify for the Federal Earmark Repurposing opportunity proposed by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 (ACT).

The Committee instructed LADOT to report back in 90 days after reaching out to all affected council offices, to provide more information on the qualifying projects, and provide a list of candidate replacement projects.

Attachment B reflects a more detailed description of the projects that are eligible to be re-purposed, a brief explanation of the status of each, and an account as to why the unused earmark funds are candidate projects to be re-purposed.

As replacement projects were being identified, LADOT made an effort to maintain the funding levels within each respective district, based on the locations of the previously funded earmark projects. Consistent with the policies in the Council report, LADOT conducted an examination of candidate sites for new traffic signals, warning devices for uncontrolled crosswalks, and traffic signal upgrades, based on crash history and safety countermeasure criteria. After compiling a list of candidate replacement projects, LADOT reached out to each affected council and sought input and support for the proposed replacement projects. In consultation with all the affected Council Offices, LADOT finalized Attachment A to reflect the proposed replacement projects. The costs identified in Attachment A are rough estimates. LADOT will determine the actual costs after the City implements the replacement projects, and any residual funds will be used for similar eligible projects.

NEXT STEPS

LADOT has been in constant communication with Metro and on June 30, 2016, formally transmitted a list of eligible projects to participate in Metro's Fund Exchange Program. Metro is currently working with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration to finalize a Countywide list of re-purposed projects and have indicated to all affected Cities that they anticipate being able to initiate funding agreements with local agencies in February 2017. Agencies would then have three years from executing the funding agreements to complete the project(s) and expend all the funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City's General Fund because there are no match requirements for this Fund Exchange Program. The projects will be implemented on a reimbursement basis, therefore Propositions A and C funds should be made available to provide front funding for these projects. Future appropriations by the Mayor and City Council will be required to finalize approved memoranda of understanding and to deliver the projects (i.e. design, project management, construction, and inspection).

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Replacement Projects

No.	CD	Replacement Project	Estimated Cost	Notes
1	1	Leading Pedestrian Interval at 1 "to be determined" locations		
		Subtotal for CD 1	\$16,000	
2	2	Leading Pedestrian Interval at 3 "to be determined" locations		
		Subtotal for CD 2	\$44,600	
3	3	New Traffic Signal at Saticoy St./Shirley Ave.		School Xing, submitted for HSIP 8 funding and awaiting results
4		New RRFB at White Oak Ave. at Valerio St.		
5		New RRFB at Saticoy St. at Cozycroft Ave./McNulty Ave.		School Xing
6		New RRFB at Tampa Ave. at Hatteras St.		Replacement for New signals at Saticoy/Shirley if it gets funded through HSIP Cycle 8
7		New RRFB at Tampa Ave. at Calvert St.		Replacement for New signals at Saticoy/Shirley if it gets funded through HSIP Cycle 8
8		New RRFB at Shoup Ave. and Kittridge St.		Replacement for New signals at Saticoy/Shirley if it gets funded through HSIP Cycle 8
9		Leading Pedestrian Interval at 4 "to be determined" locations		
		Subtotal for CD 3	\$563,300	
10	4	Leading Pedestrian Interval at 7 "to be determined" locations		
		Subtotal for CD 4	\$109,400	
11	6	New traffic signal at Encino Ave./Vanowen St.		School Xing
12		Leading Pedestrian Interval at 4 "to be determined" locations		
		Subtotal for CD 6	\$413,800	
13	11	New Scramble Crosswalk at Washington Bl./Pacific Ave.		
14		New RRFB at Culver Bl. at Pershing Dr.		Upgrade existing Xwalk
15		New Xwalk at Culver Bl. at Earldom Ave.		Curb ramps, utility relocation required
16		New Xwalk/RRFB at Pershing Dr. at Sunridge St.		New Xwalk
17		New Xwalk/RRFB at Pershing Dr. at Redlands St.		New Xwalk
18		New SFS x 2 at Pershing Dr. - Nicholson St. to Waterview St.		
19		New RRFB at Rose Ave. at 5th Ave.		
20		New RRFB at Inglewood Bl. at Beatrice St.		
21		Sunset Boulevard circulation and safety improvements		
22		Additional Vision Zero Corridor Implementation		
23	Leading Pedestrian Interval at 5 "to be determined" locations			
		Subtotal for CD 11	\$2,982,300	
24	12	New RRFB @ Zelzah Ave. at Hiawatha St.		
25		Leading Pedestrian Interval at 3 "to be determined" locations		
		Subtotal for CD 12	\$179,900	
26	13	Safety improvements along Sunset between Miceltorena and Edgecliff		
		Subtotal for CD 13	\$55,000	
		Total Cost	\$4,464,300	

ATTACHMENT B

Projects being recommended to participate in Metro's Fund Swap opportunity (no specific projects identified yet)

No.	CD	Project Description (Demo ID)	Potential amount available for repurposing	Justification for re-purposing original project
1	3	Safety Enhancement on Sherman Way between De Soto and Topanga Canyon, California (CA214)	\$159,394.80	Original scope completed with project cost savings
2	3	Construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Independence Avenue and Sherman Way (CA349)	\$89,989.34	Signal was constructed with other funds
3	4	Rehabilitate street surface of Cedros Avenue between Burbank Blvd. and Magnolia Blvd (CA370)	\$30,957.28	Project was completed through re-surfacing program
4	2, 4	Rehabilitate street surfaces in Sherman Oaks (CA406)	\$89,270.22	Project was completed through re-surfacing program.
5	3	Construction of a smart crosswalk system at the intersection of Arminta St. and Mason Ave. (CA467)	\$35,996.14	Warrants for smart crosswalk were never met
6	1, 13	Implement Northeast San Fernando Valley Road and Safety Improvements. (CA489)	\$31,983.55	Original scope completed with project cost savings
7	3	Construction of a smart crosswalk system at the intersection of Topanga Canyon Blvd. and Gault St. (CA506)	\$35,996.14	Warrants for smart crosswalk were never met
8	12	Widen Haskell Avenue between Chase St. and Roscoe Blvd. (CA558)	\$143,983.55	Original scope cannot be built with these limited funds
9	11	Widen Bundy Drive between Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards in the City of Los Angeles. (CA579)	\$2,982,264.87	Project not feasible due to strong community opposition
10	3	Construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Hamlin St. and Corbin Ave. (CA591)	\$89,989.34	Warrants for new traffic signal were never met
11	6	Construct the Los Angeles River bicycle and pedestrian path in the San Fernando Valley. (CA600)	\$413,953.58	Earmark funds were not sufficient to implement a bike path project of this nature.
12	3, 12	Implement streetscape improvements along Wilbur Avenue to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety. (CA616)	\$71,992.28	Proposed improvements were implemented with other funds
13	4	Rehabilitate street surface of Addison St. between Kester Ave. and Lemona Ave (CA650)	\$33,835.77	Project was completed through re-surfacing program
14	12	Implement Northwest San Fernando Valley Road and Safety Improvements (CA 662)	\$0.00	Original scope completed without project cost savings
15	13	Temple St Hoover to Glendale Streetscape Improvements (CA595)	\$38,682.02	Original scope completed with project cost savings
16	3	Repair and realignment of Brahma Drive and Winnetka Ave. (CA407)	\$215,976.83	Project did not have a sponsoring agency and did not proceed
Total available for re-purposing			\$4,464,265.71	

Notes: Project funds for Project #14 no longer available for re-purposing.
 Project # 16 was not on original Council approved list CF 16-0698; Metro notified City of Los Angeles after CF was approved