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**OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

March 29, 2018

**Council File No.:** [17-0950](#)

**Council Meeting Date:** March 28, 2018

**Agenda Item No.:** 16

**Agenda Description:** BUDGET AND FINANCE and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the 2017-18 Street Reconstruction and Vision Zero Program budget.

**Council Action:** BUDGET AND FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES' REPORT AND AMENDING MOTION (KREKORIAN - MARTINEZ) - ADOPTED FORTHWITH

**Council Vote:**

YES	BLUMENFIELD	YES	HARRIS-DAWSON	YES	O'FARRELL
YES	BONIN	YES	HUIZAR	YES	PRICE
ABSENT	BUSCAINO	ABSENT	KORETZ	YES	RODRIGUEZ
ABSENT	CEDILLO	YES	KREKORIAN	YES	RYU
ABSENT	ENGLANDER	YES	MARTINEZ	ABSENT	WESSON

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**Pursuant to Charter/Los Angeles Administrative Code Section(s): 341**

FILE SENT TO MAYOR:

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT:

**APPROVED**

**\*DISAPPROVED**

**\*VETO**

04/02/2018

Mayor

**DATE SIGNED**

BUDGET AND FINANCE and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the 2017-18 Street Reconstruction and Vision Zero Program budget.

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

1. APPROVE the revised Attachment A of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated February 16, 2018 (attached to Council file [C.F.] No. 17-0950).
2. APPROVE appropriations for the Street Reconstruction and Vision Zero programs, and AUTHORIZE the acquisition of equipment, as detailed in the revised Attachment A of the CAO report dated February 16, 2018 (attached to C.F. No. 17-0950).
3. RESOLVE that the following positions are APPROVED and CONFIRMED for the period from February 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, as detailed in the CAO report dated February 16, 2018 (attached to C.F. No. 17-0950):
  - a. Two positions of Street Lighting Electrician, Class Code 3811.
  - b. Two positions of Electrical Craft Helper, Class Code 3799.
4. APPROVE the revised SB 1 Project List, as detailed in Attachment C of the CAO report dated February 16, 2018 (attached to C.F. No. 17-0950).
5. AUTHORIZE the Controller to only transfer SB 1-related cost reimbursements to the General Fund after actual SB 1 salary expenditures have been incurred and only upon the written request of the CAO.
6. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Reduce 2017-18 budgeted revenue for the new SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program Special Fund (Fund No. 59V) from \$28,096,617 to \$23,050,626.
  - b. Reduce the 2017-18 Street Reconstruction - 15 percent VZ - SB 1 appropriation within for the new SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program Special Fund (Fund No. 59V) from \$14,064,071 to \$9,469,348.
  - c. Increase 2017-18 budgeted revenue for the Special Gas Tax Street Improvement Fund (Fund No. 206) by including a new revenue item entitled *State loan repayment* in an amount of \$4,594,723.
  - d. Create a new appropriation within the Special Gas Tax Street Improvement Fund No. 206 entitled *Street Reconstruction - 15% VZ - GT* in the amount of \$4,594,723.
7. INSTRUCT the City Engineer to include sidewalk repair and green street stormwater compliance elements in the designs for the first six Complete Streets projects, as well as curb extensions for Avalon Boulevard and Reseda Boulevard and the protected bike lane

on Avalon Boulevard; and, to report to Council with the final project budgets, working with the Council offices of the districts that include each of those projects, to maximize the amount of work performed while keeping costs within the following budgets for each project:

- a. Avalon Boulevard: \$17.5 million.
- b. Main Street South: \$13.9 million.
- c. Reseda Boulevard: \$17.3 million.
- d. Roscoe Boulevard: \$8.6 million.
- e. Temple Street: \$9.2 million.
- f. Venice Boulevard East: \$13.6 million.

8. INSTRUCT the CAO, City Engineer, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), and Bureau of Street Services (BSS) not to implement any phase of each of these projects if the cost of that phase is significantly higher than the projected budget and the Council has not already approved a new budget for the project.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the CAO. The Chief Legislative Analyst has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(Public Works and Gang Reduction and Personnel and Animal Welfare Committees waived consideration of the above matter)**

## SUMMARY

At a meeting held on March 19, 2018, the Budget and Finance and Transportation Committees jointly considered the CAO report dated February 16, 2018 relative to the 2017-18 Street Reconstruction and Vision Zero Program budget for six Complete Street / Vision Zero projects. A representative of the CAO provided the Committee with a brief overview of the matter and responded to related questions, and was also joined by representatives of the Public Works Bureaus of Engineering (BOE) and BSS, as well as the LADOT. Additionally, the CAO representative submitted a revised Attachment A to the CAO report that made a technical correction to the Vision Zero line item transfers (which did not change the subtotals or totals in the Attachment).

During discussion of the matter, the Transportation Committee Chair inquired why the Vision Zero curb extensions for the Avalon and Reseda Boulevards projects, and the protected bike lane for the Avalon Boulevard project, were not included in the CAO report in which other elements were added to the scope of works for the projects, such as green street and other improvements. The CAO and LADOT representatives advised the Committees that at the time the previous report on this matter was submitted, the elements for the projects and cost estimates were not completely developed, however LADOT advised that it now has more refined data on the scope

of work and cost estimates. Based on BOE guidance, LADOT estimates the cost of the curb extensions at approximately \$150,000 each, or \$12.3 million for both the Avalon and the Reseda Boulevards projects. The Transportation Committee Chair requested that this work be included in the design phase for both of these projects.

The Budget and Finance Committee Vice-Chair expressed concern relative to a pattern in the City where funding for street and sidewalk reconstruction projects is not being fully expended in the fiscal year in which it was budgeted. This results in funds being swept at the end of the fiscal year or funding being redirected to other projects, while the project for which the funds were intended are forced to halt and then restart with new funding the following fiscal year, creating financial, logistical, scheduling, and personnel impacts on the projects. The Budget and Finance Vice Chair requested that in these situations the project's scheduling be maintained, that not all funding be swept at the end of the fiscal year, that sufficient funding be allocated for critical project elements, and that BOE and BSS report on what resources are needed for project continuity. Members of both Committees concurred, and the CAO representative indicated CAO's willingness to work with the Budget and Finance Vice-Chair on this issue.

Additionally, the Budget and Finance Committee Chair expressed concerned that adding additional elements to the scope of works for the projects would continue expanding the budgets beyond what was projected, possibly delaying projects, and moved that the City Engineer include sidewalk repair and stormwater compliance elements (as well as the curb extensions and other concrete work requested by the Transportation Committee Chair) in the design phase for the six Complete Streets projects and report back to the Council with final budgets for each. However, which elements would proceed would be up to the Council office in which the project is located, while working within the projected budget. Further, the Budget and Finance Committee Chair moved that the CAO, City Engineer, LADOT, and BSS be instructed not to proceed on any phase of the projects if the cost of that phase was significantly higher than the projected budget and the Council has not already approved a new budget for the project.

After further discussion and consideration, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance and Transportation Committees approved: Recommendation Nos. 1 - 5 of the CAO report, an amendment to the CAO report to add Recommendation Nos. 7 and 8 as detailed above, and a revised Attachment A to the CAO report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	NO
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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**-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-**

**MOTION**

I HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Budget and Finance and Transportation Committees' Report, relative to the 2017-18 Street Reconstruction and Vision Zero Program Budget, as follows:

1. Clarify that Recommendation Nos. 7 and 8 are intended to allow for construction on projects to proceed without further Council action if they stay within their budgetary limitation, subject to an available appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget, but any project should come back for further Council consideration if it exceeds the limitation outlined in Recommendation No. 7.

2. Include a new Recommendation No. 9 as follows:

DECLARE sidewalk repairs for Access Requests a matter of urgent necessity; and, AUTHORIZE the Department of Public Works and/or the City Engineer to utilize existing City contracts as appropriate, including emergency pre-qualified on-call contracts, to accelerate pending repairs.

3. Include a new Recommendation No. 10 as follows:

AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to make technical corrections to Attachment A and Attachment C of the CAO report to reflect the intent of the Council and the Mayor.

PRESENTED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
NURY MARTINEZ  
Councilmember, 6th District

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