

MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE

In April of this year, the City Council and the Mayor declared a shelter crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Point in Time Count released by Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), 31,516 homeless individuals reside in the City, 23,114 of whom are unsheltered. To respond to this crisis and the immediate need for shelter, the Mayor and Council allocated \$20 million to the Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund in the 2018-19 Adopted Budget to establish temporary crisis and bridge housing facilities. The goal of this fund is to add 50 to 100 new beds per Council District. Additionally, \$10M was included in the Unappropriated Balance (Homeless Services Program) to augment sites that exceed the \$1.33 million limit per Council District set by the Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund.

On June 29, 2018 the Council adopted Motion (O'Farrell – Rodriguez) that instructed City staff to evaluate and report on the feasibility of using Los Angeles Department of Transportation's Lot 649 located at 1533 Schrader Boulevard (C.F. 18-0352).

At this time, the City Administrative Officer, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), LADOT and other appropriate City departments have determined that this property is suitable for a 60' by 120' tension membrane structure and modular trailers to establish bridge housing beds for 70 individuals. The site will also include storage for residents, personal hygiene and laundry facilities, supportive and community engagement services, and 24-hour security. Additionally, LAHSA will identify and execute a contract with a non-profit service provider to manage and operate the facility. The City is coordinating with the County to secure operating funding for this facility.

In order to assess the site feasibility, the BOE conducted a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis of the proposed use of the site and Council must approve the BOE's determination that this use is categorically exempt from CEQA. The CEQA analysis is attached to Council File 18-0352.

The estimated total development cost is \$3,080,909, \$77,715 of which has been paid from the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Homeless Projects account for CEQA analysis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. DETERMINE that the use of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Lot 649, at 1533 North Schrader Boulevard as a bridge housing facility is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities, 15303 Class 3(c) New Construction of Small Structures, 15304 Class 4(a)(b)(e) Minor Alterations to Land, and 15332 Class 32 Infill Development Projects. The project is also categorically exempt under the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines, Art. III, Sec. 1, Class 1(3) Existing Facilities, Class 3(3) New Construction of Small Structures, Class 4(1)(3)(6) Minor Alterations to Land;
2. APPROVE the use of LADOT Lot 649, at 1533 Schrader Boulevard as a bridge housing facility for up to 36 months;
3. INSTRUCT the Department of General Services (GSD), working with the Department of Transportation and the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute any necessary license or other appropriate agreement with LAHSA, or another nonprofit entity, to enter the property at 1533 Schrader Boulevard for the purpose of providing the services required to operate the proposed bridge housing facility thereon.



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4. APPROVE funds in the amount of \$3,003,194 to develop a bridge housing facility on the LADOT Lot 649, at 1533 Schrader Boulevard. Funds to be appropriated from the Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund line item within the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56 and the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/58, Homeless Services Program; and
5. Establish a new account within the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No 100/54, entitled "Bridge Housing – 1533 Schrader" and appropriate the amount of \$2,253,194.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to appropriate the amount of \$3,003,194 to develop a Crisis and Bridge Housing site in Council District 13, as follows:

1. Transfer \$1,333,333 from the General City Purposes - Fund No. 100/56, Account 000931, Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund to the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No. 100/54, account entitled "Crisis and Bridge Housing – 1533 Schrader"; and
2. Transfer \$919,861 from the Unappropriated Balance, Fund No. 100/58 Account No. 580272, Homeless Services Program to the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No 100/54, account entitled "Bridge Housing – 1533 Schrader".
3. Transfer the total of \$750,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Fund No. 100/58 Account No. 580272, Homeless Services Program to the following accounts:

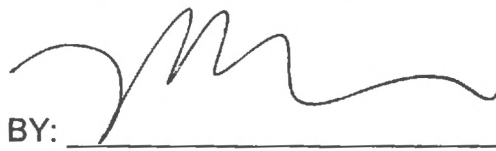
Fund/Department	Account Number	Account Title	Amount
100/40 General Services Department	001101	Hiring Hall Construction	\$ 100,000
100/40 General Services Department	001121	Hiring Hall Benefits Construction	\$ 100,000
100/40 General Services Department	003180	Construction Materials	\$ 250,000
100/74 Bureau of Engineering	001010	Salaries General	\$ 300,000

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be directed to prepare any additional Controller instructions to reimburse the BOE and GSD for their accrued labor cost related to this project from the "Bridge Housing – 1533 Schrader" account consistent with the Mayor and Council action on this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with Los Angeles County to identify funds for interim housing operations at this site, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be directed to prepare any additional Controller instructions or make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY: 
 MITCH O'FARRELL
 COUNCILMEMBER, 13th DISTRICT

SECONDED BY: 

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