

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

On April 19, 2017, the City Council authorized the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to accept \$1,500,000 from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and \$1,500,000 from the County of Los Angeles. These funds were to match City funds for the completion of a feasibility study, environmental review and documents, and performance of design services in connection with the LA River Valley Bikeway and Greenway Design Completion Project (Project). The Project involves the construction of new bikeway segments along the Los Angeles River to eliminate approximately 13 miles of gaps in the San Fernando Valley.

On April 27, 2018, the United States Department of Transportation published a Notice of Funding Opportunity announcing the availability of \$1.5 billion to be awarded for national infrastructure investments through the "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) program. BOE has indicated that the Project is eligible for BUILD program funding and seeks authorization to apply for a \$9,000,000 grant to focus on a portion of the Project. BOE's grant application will focus on eliminating the bikeway gap between Tujunga Avenue and Lankershim Boulevard. This portion of the Project will include the construction of bikeway, pedestrian path, greenway, fencing, lighting, and wayfinding signage. Completion of this segment of the Project will create a connection between Lankershim Boulevard and Barham Boulevard, which is being designed by the County of Los Angeles.

Completion of the segment proposed for this grant funding supports completion of the Los Angeles River trail system, consistent with the City's 2007 LA River Revitalization Master Plan, 2010 Bicycle Plan, and the 2014 Los Angeles Department of Transportation Great Streets Strategic Plan. The total cost for this segment of the Project is approximately \$15,000,000. BOE is seeking \$3,000,000 in additional funding from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency and \$3,000,000 in additional funding from the County of Los Angeles.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council take the following action:

1. Authorize the City Engineer to apply for a \$9,000,000 grant from the United States Department of Transportation "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development" (BUILD) program to fund the Tujunga Avenue to Lankershim Boulevard segment of the LA River Valley Bikeway and Greenway Design Completion Project;
2. Direct the City Engineer to identify any additional resource needs, including staff and/or overtime funding, for the implementation of projects that are awarded funding in this grant opportunity and to seek approval for any additional staffing from City Council prior to accepting funds;
3. Authorize the City Engineer to make any correction, revisions, or clarifications to the above instructions to effectuate the intent of this motion.

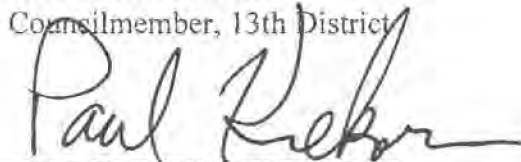
PRESENTED BY:



MITCH O'FARRELL

Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



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