

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorizing the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to apply for a \$9,000,000 grant from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (O'Farrell - Krekorian):

1. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer to apply for a \$9,000,000 grant from the USDOT 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 27, 2018, your Committee considered a Motion (O'Farrell - Krekorian) relative to apply for a \$9,000,000 grant from the USDOT BUILD Program to fund the Tujunga Avenue to Lankershim Boulevard segment of the LA River Valley Bikeway and Greenway Design Completion Project. According to the Motion, on April 19, 2017, 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 USDOT published a Notice of Funding Opportunity announcing the availability of \$1.5 billion to be awarded for national infrastructure investments through the BUILD Program. The 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. The 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. The 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.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend adoption of the recommendations contained in the Motion and detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



**MEMBER VOTE**

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: ABSENT

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6/27/18

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