

**MOTION**

In April 2018, the Mayor and the City Council declared a shelter crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Point in Time Count released by Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), 36,300 homeless individuals reside in the City, 27,221 of whom are unsheltered. To respond to this crisis and the immediate need for shelter, the Mayor and Council allocated \$39 million in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 and 2019-20 Budgets to establish temporary crisis and bridge housing facilities, with the goal of adding 50 to 100 new beds per Council District. In addition, \$54 million has been committed within the City of Los Angeles' Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) allocation from the State of California to construct and operate A Bridge Home sites.

On May 29, 2019 a Motion (Martinez – Ryu; C.F. 19-0563) was introduced, instructing City staff to evaluate and report on the feasibility of using an underutilized parking lots near the Orange Line Station at Van Nuys (14333 Aetna Street), owned by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) in Council District 6 for the purpose of establishing a bridge housing facility.

At this time, the City Administrative Officer, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), and other appropriate City departments have determined that this property is suitable to place 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. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) will identify a service provider to operate the 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 according to State Assembly Bill 1197 and Council must approve the BOE's determination that this use is exempt from CEQA.

At this time, funds in the amount of \$2,343,000 are needed to complete project design and purchase the modular trailers for the site. The Bureau of Engineering will release a Request for Bids to identify a firm to complete design work, and construct the facility. Upon completion of this process, additional funds will be recommended for construction based on the amount of the winning bid.

The City of Los Angeles expects to receive \$117,562,500 from the State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) grant; however, these funds are not anticipated to be available until early 2020. The State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the agency that administers HHAP, has confirmed that pre-award capital costs may be reimbursed with HHAP. A Reserve Fund loan is needed to ensure that construction of the bridge housing facility at 14333 Aetna Street is not delayed. This loan will be repaid upon receipt of the City's HHAP allocation.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council:

1. **DIRECT** the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to issue a Request for Bids to identify a firm to construct an A Bridge Home facility on property owned by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority located at 14333 Aetna Street;
2. **APPROVE** funds in the amount of \$2,343,000 to complete design and purchase the modular trailers for the A Bridge Home facility at 14333 Aetna Street; and

- a. Authorize the Controller to process a Reserve Fund loan in the amount of \$2,343,000 to support the project, which will be reimbursed through State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) grant receipts; and
  - b. Instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to reimburse the Reserve Fund Loan upon receipt of the City's HHAP grant award.
3. Establish a new account within the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No 100/54, entitled "Bridge Housing – Aetna Street" and appropriate the amount of \$2,343,000 ; and

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Controller be authorized to transfer \$2,343,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No 100/54 account entitled "Bridge Housing – Aetna Street."

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the CAO be instructed to request funds for construction once a contractor is selected to build the A Bridge Home facility at this site and construction costs are determined.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the General Manager, General Services Department, be authorized to submit a report to Council relative to negotiating a three-year lease agreement with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority for the property located at located at 14333 Aetna Street, with the option to renew at the discretion of the City Council.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the County of Los Angeles and the State of California to identify funds for interim housing operations at this site, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue, LAHSA and County HHAP allocations, or additional State funding.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the CAO be directed to prepare any additional Controller instructions to reimburse City Departments for their accrued labor, material or permit costs related to this project from the "Bridge Housing – Aetna Street" account consistent with the Mayor and Council action on this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the CAO 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:

  
NURY MARTINEZ  
Councilmember, 6<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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