

Destination Crenshaw is a community-inspired public art and streetscape design project. The project aims to address historic disinvestment, environmental equity, and preserve the cultural character of the community by highlighting the world class contributions of Black Los Angeles, and revitalizing the current heart of the Black Los Angeles community. The 1.3-mile open-air street museum will flank the new Crenshaw/Los Angeles Airport Rail Line and serve as the gateway to the City for rail transit riders. Designed by Perkins+Will in partnership with the local stakeholders with expertise in art, culture, history, planning, and community organizing, known formally as the Destination Crenshaw Advisory Council, the project will include community gathering spaces, parks, landscape and streetscape improvements, and over one hundred public art opportunities. Development, fundraising, and oversight of the project will be done through a nonprofit organization that was established on May 11, 2017.

The Destination Crenshaw nonprofit organization has been working on a partnership with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to enhance three Metro-owned properties within the Destination Crenshaw project area. To that end, on July 25, 2019, the Metro Board unanimously voted to approve \$15 million in resources and property to support construction for the development of Sankofa Park, as part of the Destination Crenshaw Project. Additionally, as part of the 2019-20 State budget, \$10 million was earmarked for the Destination Crenshaw Project. Council approval is necessary for the City to accept both the State and Metro funds, as well as negotiate with the Destination Crenshaw nonprofit organization for the use of the funds.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, with the concurrence of the Mayor:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to submit a letter to the State of California requesting release of \$10 million for the Destination Crenshaw project;
2. Upon receipt of said funds from the State, AUTHORIZE the City Controller to deposit these funds into the General Fund and appropriate therein to a new account entitled "Destination Crenshaw-State" within the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program (CIEP) Fund No. 100/54;
3. AUTHORIZE the CAO and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the City Engineer, to request from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) up to \$14.5 million and the transfer of property required for the development of Sankofa Park and to negotiate and execute any necessary documents and/or agreements;
4. Upon receipt of said funds from Metro, AUTHORIZE the City Controller to deposit the funds into the General Fund and appropriate therein to a new account entitled "Destination Crenshaw-Metro" within the CIEP Fund No. 100/54;
5. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Contract Administration, with assistance from the City Engineer, CAO, CLA, and the City Attorney, to negotiate an agreement with the nonprofit organization Destination Crenshaw to complete specified deliverables for amounts not to exceed the funds received from the State and Metro, as noted above, and for local funds provided in the City's FY2019-20 Adopted Budget, as well as respective roles and responsibilities regarding liability, operations, maintenance, and any other issues associated with the Destination Crenshaw Project; and
6. AUTHORIZE the CAO to make any technical changes as necessary in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY: 
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY: 

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