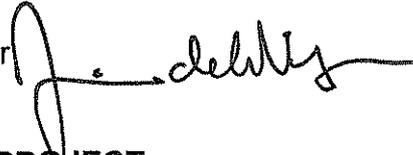


**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**

Date: August 5, 2013

To: Honorable City Council
C/o City Clerk, Room 395 City Hall
Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair
Transportation Committee

From: Jaime de la Vega, General Manager
Department of Transportation



Subject: **WILSHIRE BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT**

SUMMARY

The Department of Transportation (LADOT) requests that the existing appropriation within the Transportation Grant Fund No. 655, Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Account No. 94H554 be increased by \$17,971,800 from \$1,600,000 to \$19,571,800.

RECOMMENDATION

Subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the \$17,971,800 appropriation increase for the Wilshire BRT Project Account No. 94H554 from \$1,600,000 to \$19,571,800 within the Transportation Grant Fund No. 655.

DISCUSSION

In June 2011, City Council approved the Wilshire BRT Project with a 7.7 mile peak-period bus only lane. In August 2011, City Council authorized a \$1,600,000 appropriation for pre-design and design work associated with the Wilshire BRT Project. In November 2011, City Council authorized LADOT to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) with regards to the Wilshire BRT Project. The MOU was not to exceed \$28.34 million.

LADOT and Metro MOU agreed to a total project cost \$28,161,855. The project would be financed with a federal Very Small Starts grant of \$20,968,913; Metro would provide \$3,874,942; and the city would provide a local match of \$3,318,000. In its August 16, 2011, action (Council File 11-0695), the City Council determined that the Proposition C Anti-Gridlock Fund No. 540 would provide \$3,218,000 of the city's match and that the West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Program Fund No. 681 would provide \$100,000. This council action then authorized the appropriation and transfer of \$1.5 million in match funds to the Wilshire BRT Project Account from the Fund 540 and \$100,000 to the Wilshire BRT Project Account from Fund 681.

The \$1.6 million appropriated for the Wilshire BRT Project is being used for pre-design and design work for the Western Avenue to San Vicente Boulevard and Federal Avenue to Barrington Avenue segments of the Wilshire BRT. The pre-design and design work was performed by a private consultant selected and supervised by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE). Design work for the Western Avenue to San Vicente Boulevard segment of the Wilshire BRT has been completed. Design work for the Federal Avenue to Barrington Avenue segment is scheduled to be completed by December 2013.

The BOE has selected a contractor for the construction of the Western Avenue to San Vicente Boulevard segment of the Wilshire BRT Project. The BOE however cannot issue a notice to proceed to its contractor until the appropriation for the Wilshire BRT Project has been increased. In addition, the BOE has also started the process to select a contractor for the construction of the Federal Avenue to Barrington Avenue segment of the Wilshire BRT Project. The BOE anticipates that a contractor for this segment will be selected by June 2014.

In order to proceed with the construction of the Wilshire BRT Project, both BOE and LADOT recommend that the appropriation for the Wilshire BRT Project be increased by \$17,971,800 from \$1,600,000 to \$19,571,800 in order to complete the Wilshire BRT Project.

BACKGROUND

The MOU between the city and Metro authorizes a project with a total cost of \$28,261,855. The financing plan for the Wilshire BRT Project is based on a federal grant of \$20,968,913, Metro providing funding not to exceed \$3,874,942, and the city providing a local match of \$3,318,000.

It is currently estimated that the city's labor costs will not exceed \$8,690,055. These labor costs include straight salary, overtime, related costs, and mileage for the Department of Public Works and LADOT. Appropriations for the Department of Public Works and LADOT staff working on the Wilshire BRT budget are included in the Proposition C Anti-Gridlock Fund departmental appropriations. Material costs for LADOT are expected to be \$1,895,000. Consultant and contractor costs are not to exceed \$17,300,000. Work performed by any city staff not funded by the adopted Proposition C budget will be treated as work by consultants and contractors.

The project budget for the \$28,161,855 Wilshire BRT Project currently is:

Budget Line Item	Proposition C Fund 540	TGF Project Account	Total
City Staff-Publics Works and LADOT	\$8,690,055	\$0	\$8,690,055
LADOT Materials	\$0	\$1,895,000	\$1,895,000
Consultants and Contractors	\$0	\$17,576,800	\$17,576,800
			\$28,161,855

The details for the consultants and contractors line item are:

Consultants/Contractors	Amount	Purpose
Psomas	\$1,600,000	Pre-Design and Design
Psomas	\$320,000	Design Support During Construction
Griffith (Western to San Vicente)	\$9,573,369	Construction
Griffith (Western to San Vicente)	\$1,914,673	Construction Contingencies
Department of General Services	\$268,971	Materials Testing
Public Works-Public Affairs	\$260,000	Public Outreach
Vendor To be Determined	\$800,000	Construction Management Support
Vendor To be Determined	\$2,700,000	Construction-Federal to Barrington
Contingency	\$139,787	Purpose to be determined
Total	\$17,576,800	

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This project is expected to have no impact on the city's general fund.

City staff salaries, overtime, and indirect costs will be financed through departmental appropriations contained in the annual Proposition C Anti-Gridlock Fund No. 540 budget. Costs for consultants, contractors, and materials will be financed through the Transportation Grant Fund No. 655 Wilshire BRT Project Account. Reimbursements received from grantors will be credited to the appropriate funding source upon receipt. While the City of Los Angeles is responsible for 100 percent of any costs in excess of the approved project account of \$28,161,855, city staff does not anticipate the project being in excess of the approved project cost at this time.

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