

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to identifying funding for various pedestrian and street improvement projects leftover from the discontinuation of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Departments of Public Works and Transportation, to negotiate and execute grant agreements, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, between Metro or Caltrans and the City of Los Angeles for the transfer of the Metro and/or Caltrans grants from the former CRA to the City in the amount of \$24,231,402, with a not-to-exceed \$9,659,143 project match requirement, for the completion of the 13 projects listed in Revised Attachment A accompanying the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report to the Transportation Committee dated April 23, 2014 (attached to the Council file).
2. AUTHORIZE the Departments of Public Works and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to act as Project Manager for the 13 projects listed in Revised Attachment A of the CAO report, including but not limited to management of any Third Party Agreements for engineering design services.
3. TRANSFER initial project match funding appropriations totaling \$7.2 million from various accounts listed below within the Measure R Local Return Fund, Fund No. 510/94, into an account entitled Project Match Funds:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2011	9421G1	Annual Sign Replacement	\$175,050
2011	9434G0	Regional Transit Consulting Services	206,520
2012	94H211	Annual Sign Replacement	500,000
2012	94H341	Regional Transit Consulting Services	250,000
2012	94H450	ATSAC Project Front Funding	5,605,829
2013	94J194	Transportation	<u>429,159</u>
Total:			\$7,166,558

4. TRANSFER appropriations totaling \$150,000 from the Measure R Local Return Fund, Fund No. 51Q/94, Account No. 9421G3, Traffic Signal at Lincoln/Palm to Account No. 94K306, Bicycle Plan/Program.
5. POSTPONE authorization to accept the Alameda Street Downtown LA: Goods Movement Project until further analysis is conducted to ensure the project's success.
6. AUTHORIZE the City Engineer, the Director of Bureau of Street Services, and/or the General Manager, LADOT, with concurrence of the CAO, to make technical corrections required to carry out the intent of this action.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the above recommendations will require the City to provide matching funds up to \$9.7 million. A total of \$7.2 million in Measure R

funds will be set aside to meet this obligation. The remaining obligation will be provided in future years as the money is required.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated November 25, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the Mayor and Chief Legislative Analyst have requested a funding strategy for the unfunded match requirements for twelve projects leftover from the demise of the CRA. Action is needed to approve the proposed projects and to identify \$11.8 million in match funding that the CRA can no longer provide. According to the CAO, nine of the projects are pedestrian projects that require the City to commit a total of \$7.5 million in matching funds, two are bicycle projects (\$875,811), and one is a goods movement/street reconstruction project (\$3,358,956).

In a report to the Transportation Committee Chair dated April 23, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the CAO presents a new set of recommendations and a revised project list. The new recommendations require a project match of only \$9.6 million. According to the CAO, the difference is primarily due to the recommendation to postpone the acceptance of the Alameda Street Downtown LA: Goods Movement Project until further analysis is conducted to ensure the project's success. The City has until July 1, 2016, to accept the project which provides sufficient time to negotiate with Metro, to modify the project to ensure successful completion with the total grant award (\$3.7 million) and/or pursue other grant funding opportunities. The CAO recommends approval of the revised set of recommendations contained in this report.

At its meeting held April 23, 2014, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with a representative of the CAO. The Committee Chair stated that the CRA had a number of very good pedestrian projects that were not carried out due to the agency's dissolution. The proposed action is an attempt to salvage some of those projects. The Committee recommended that Council approve the CAO's recommendations, as the revised list of projects attached to the CAO report. Committee further recommended that \$150,000 in savings remaining from the Traffic Signal Project at Lincoln and Palms not be used as a project match, but instead be re-programmed for a bikeway at the Centinela Avenue Expo Line station.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
PARKS:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES

JAW

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