

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to applying for California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) 2015 Active Transportation Project (ATP) Cycle 2 grant award funds.

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

1. APPROVE the final list of projects as the City's priorities for funding for the ATP Cycle 2, as attached to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report to Council dated May 21, 2015.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, on behalf of the City to submit grant applications for all recommended projects to Caltrans for possible funding.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, or director or general manager of the lead city department to execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for grants to the City approved in the ATP Cycle 2.
4. DIRECT the General Manager, LADOT, or director or general manager of the lead city department for each project to submit to LADOT, for inclusion in the Transportation Grant Fund report, any resource needs, (including, but not limited front-funding, staff, and overtime funding) for the implementation of projects funded through the ATP Cycle 2.
5. SUPPORT the efforts of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in applying for funding for the Pacoima Wash Bike Path project.
6. SUPPORT the efforts of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority (Metro) in applying for funding for two projects identified in the Union Station Master Plan improvements, with the implementation subject to the findings of the final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and its recommendations for any public improvements.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. There is also no immediate impact on special funds, however, future appropriations by the Mayor and Council will be required to finalize approved grant memoranda of understanding and to deliver the projects (i.e. design, project management, construction, and inspection). New program policies under ATP Cycle 2 have eliminated the requirement of a monetary local match commitment. It has been the past practice that the City provide the minimum local match required by the grantor, and as such, there will be no local match commitment for all new candidate projects. The projects that Metro is requiring the City re-apply for; have already provided their committed local match commitment through the original report that authorized them to apply for grant funds. Proposition C funds and/or Measure R funds have been used as front funding because grantors transfer funding on a reimbursement basis only.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In the report to Council dated May 21, 2015, LADOT recommends approval of a list of projects to be submitted to Caltrans for ATP Cycle 2 grant funding. Caltrans seeks projects that can

increase walking and bicycling, reduce the number and/or rate of pedestrians and bicyclist fatalities and injuries, include public participation and planning, are cost-effective, improve public health, and offer benefits to disadvantaged communities.

LADOT reports that an estimated \$360 million in new funding is expected to be available for qualified active transportation projects in the State of California through the Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 Call for Projects. LADOT believes that the City should submit the most competitive applications to secure the most funding possible. LADOT notified the Mayor and Council offices of the grant funding and sought recommendations for projects. LADOT evaluated project proposals based upon the following criteria: project readiness and community outreach must have been conducted, no right of way and/or utility relocation issue, no known federal environmental issues; project elements must be vetted for feasibility by the appropriate City departments; and be "shovel-ready" within a year of funding approval.

According to LADOT, submissions for 11 new projects were made. The Department determined that four were found to have met the ATP criteria: Boyle Heights Pedestrian Linkages, Colorado Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program, Gaffey Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program, and LANI – Santa Monica Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program. LADOT seeks authority to prepare a grant application for these four projects, as well as authority to submit applications for the seven projects that have been requested by Metro.

At its meeting held May 27, 2015, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with representatives of LADOT. Department representatives stated that Caltrans announced the grant award on March 26, 2015. The deadline to submit applications is June 1, 2015. Committee members expressed support for LADOT's report and encouraged the Department to conduct a workshop, in conjunction with Metro, to help Council staff prepare potential projects for consideration for future competitive grant award programs such as the ATP and Metro's call for projects. The Committee recommended that Council approve LADOT's report.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	YES
PARKS:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES

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