

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to applications for Metro's Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program funding for seven proposed projects.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the list of projects in the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report to Council dated May 19, 2014 (attached to the Council file), as the City's priorities for Metro's Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program funding.
2. DIRECT the General Manager, LADOT, on behalf of the City, to submit grant applications for all recommended projects in the final list of projects to Metro 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 Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund inasmuch as no matching funds are required for the funding application. However, projects will provide funding match via staff time which is generally funded through the City's special transportation funds (Prop A, C, and/or Measure R) outreach efforts of project partners. Projects will include an in-kind funding match of staff time and quantify outreach efforts that continue to be conducted through the lives of the projects.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

In the May 19, 2014, report to Council, LADOT requests authority to submit applications for Metro's Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program funding for seven proposed projects. LADOT reports that the objective of the program is to increase mobility and transit use within the corridors of the Interstate 110 and 10 freeways. An estimated \$16 to \$19 million in funding is available for both corridors in three categories: System Connectivity/Active Transportation, Transit Uses, and Highway Improvements. Sixty percent of these funds are available for the 1-110 and forty percent for the 1-10. Forty percent of the total funding is available for System Connectivity/Active Transportation, forty percent is for Transit Use, and the remaining twenty percent is available for Highway Improvements.

According to LADOT, seven projects have been identified to compete for this grant opportunity:

- Cesar Chavez Great Street Project
- Budlong Avenue Bicycle Friendly Street
- My Figueroa Streetscape Project – marketing and education
- Commuter Express Service Expansion to alleviate auto congestion on the Harbor Freeway
- New traffic signals and left turn phasing in South Los Angeles
- ATSAC Infrastructure communication systems enhancements along the I-110 Freeway
- ATSAC Infrastructure communication systems enhancements along the I-10 Freeway

At its meeting held May 28, 2014, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. A representative of the 14th Council District Office expressed support for LADOT's report and the proposed list of projects. The Committee recommended that Council authorize LADOT to apply for Metro's Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program funding for the seven proposed projects listed above.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

JAW

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