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MOTION

In accordance with policies adopted by Council (C.F. 14-1174) related to the CRA/LA Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan, any proposal to expend CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds shall be initiated by Council Motion. Proposals will be reviewed by the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee, Economic Development Committee, and any other applicable committee with final recommendations presented to the Council and Mayor for final consideration and approval.

Whittier Boulevard is a major commercial corridor along the southern end of Boyle Heights that connects East Los Angeles to Downtown Los Angeles. It is home to many small businesses and experiences high volumes of vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic. Aging infrastructure along Whittier Boulevard is in need of repair and many businesses and residents have expressed a desire to improve the street to make it more pedestrian friendly and safe. It is important for the City to invest in both the short and long term needs of the corridor to ensure that the street continues to thrive.

In the short term, funding is needed to repair sidewalks that may pose a danger to pedestrians. Many of the sidewalks are located next to schools and experience heavy use on a weekly basis. Repair of the sidewalks also requires large capital investment that would be burdensome on property owners. In the long term, the corridor must be redesigned to make it commuter friendly for all forms of transportation. This should be done through extensive community outreach and in pursuit of grant funding that would facilitate the improvements identified through this process. A qualified grant writing consultant would be needed to carry out this process and prepare a conceptual plan which is critical to delivering on this goal.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 14 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the Adelante Eastside Redevelopment Project Area be utilized in part to implement public infrastructure improvements along Whittier Boulevard between Indiana Avenue and Boyle Street as well as hire a consultant to solicit grant funding that would allow for an expanded scope of improvements along the same corridor.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Council District 14, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee within 10 days to allocate Excess Bond Proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for public infrastructure improvements along Whittier Boulevard between Indiana Avenue and Boyle Street as well as hire a consultant to solicit grant funding through a community-driven process to expand the scope of improvements along the same corridor as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Adelante Eastside Redevelopment Project Area.


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