



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

November 4, 2014

Honorable Members of the City Council
C/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

Re: Notification of Submission of a Grant Application and Subsequent Notice of Award from the California Community Foundation to Support Equitable and Healthy Transit-oriented Development Planning in Los Angeles.

Honorable Members:

In accordance with Section 14.6(c) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Mayor's Office of City Services hereby informs the City Council about the submission of an application and the subsequent notice of award in the amount of \$150,000 from the California Community Foundation (CCF) Local Sustainability Matching Fund. The grant agreement is attached hereto. No matching funds from the City are required for this grant. The Mayor's Office request retroactive acceptance of the Local Sustainability Matching Fund Grant and related actions to implement transit-oriented planning activities in accordance with the grant agreement.

SUMMARY

On December 2013, my Office of City Services applied for a grant with the California Community Foundation for the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities Local Sustainability Matching Fund. The grant period will be from February 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. The purpose of the grant is to support equitable and healthy transit-oriented development planning in Los Angeles as follows:

1. Funding a new Transit Corridor Cabinet Coordination position in the Mayor's Office to coordinate an inter-agency work plan to facilitate transit oriented planning near transit stations and implement the approved Transit Corridors Strategy and work plan, such as Coordinating the activities of the Mayor's Great Streets Initiative as they are relate to the Transit Corridors strategy;
2. Fostering a shared vision of what a transit-oriented Los Angeles will be in consultation with a broad group of community stakeholders;
3. Building a system for regular communication and collaboration with all stakeholders, ensuring participation by low income residents in neighborhood engaged in transit-oriented land use planning; and
4. Strengthening the relationship between the Mayor's Office and participating funders.

To date, a significant amount of strategic planning has occurred over the last twelve months of the Great Streets Initiative. This effort started as the Mayor's first Executive Directive with seven discrete outcomes, all of which are either completed or underway. The team has developed a four page "vision document" to guide the day-to-day work. Simultaneously, Mayoral, Council, and departmental staff are focusing efforts into three distinct buckets: 1) a short term community visioning, activation, and programming piece for each of the first 15 streets in the first phase of the initiative, 2) a longer term community based design process for the permanent streetscape and public/private street interface, and 3) a broader "Great Ideas" list of policy changes and program implementation to foster transit orientation and Great Streets throughout Los Angeles.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is therefore requested that the Council:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or designee, to retroactively accept a grant award from the California Community Foundation Local Sustainability Matching Fund in the amount of \$150,000;
2. **Retroactively approve the** executed the Grant Award Agreement and authorize the Mayor, or designee to submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the grant award, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to transfer and appropriate \$150,000 from Mayor Fund , General Grant Revenue Source Code 4513 to the Salaries As Needed Account 001070; and

4. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor, or designee, to prepare any Controller's instructions needed to implement actions approved by the City Council and Mayor on matters presented in or deriving from the transmittal, and/or to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to review by the City Administrative Officer, and further, request that the Controller implement these instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Mayor's Office anticipates minimal impact on the City. The grant is for direct costs and does not require any matching funds from the City

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment